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The meeting at Didcot Civic Hall was well attended on Monday

By George Welch

DIDCOT Town Council has fought back against controversial garden town proposals, with councillors saying they refuse to be bullied by the district council.

At a passionate town council extraordinary meeting at the town's Civic Hall on Monday evening, Didcot chiefs unani-

mously voted not to surrender the lease on Ladygrove Park.

South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) published a draft masterplan last month, in which 17 per cent of Ladygrove Park would have been built on, saying the project would deliver 20,000 new jobs and 15,000 new homes over the next 20 years.

But leader of the town council Bill Ser-

vice said his council, which was leased Ladygrove Park for 99 years in 1997, would not be bullied by SODC.

He said: "That 17 per cent of green open space will never come back."

"The rest of the idea of garden town status is a thinly veiled plan to just put 15,000 more houses in and around Didcot. I have been accused of not having ambition for the town."

"This town does have ambition but our ambition is on our terms and we should not be dictated to by a higher authority who think they can just come and bulldoze Didcot and build more houses."

The council's decision was greeted by thunderous applause from dozens of Didcot residents who turned out in force to pack the Civic Hall.

Cllr Margaret Davies praised the

community for a "brilliant campaign" in opposing the draft masterplan in its current form.

She added that building on Ladygrove Park is a "desperately outrageous idea".

She said: "Didcot Town Council must never surrender its lease on LG – this is an essential public open space used

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Fifteen hotels fail checks into child sex exploitation

By Eva Astreinidou

THREE quarters of the hotels and guest houses approached by police in child sexual exploitation tests in Banbury and Bicester failed the check.

The objective of the operation carried out between Thames Valley Police and Cherwell District Council was to test the reaction of front of house staff when a man and girl attempted to book a room.

The tests were carried out in 20 establishments on February 2 and 3 as a follow-up to tests undertaken in March last year.

Four of the eight hotels or guest houses visited in Bicester failed the test and were willing to rent a room overnight to a 15-year-old girl and a plain clothes police officer without checking the identification of either.

In Banbury, five establishments failed the test, while six stated they were full or did not have staff available to make a booking. Only one establishment denied the couple a room.

Sgt Steve Willis of the Bicester Town Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "Child Sexual

Exploitation (CSE) is an issue that Thames Valley Police takes very seriously.

"We feel it is very important to work with as many different organisations and individuals as possible so that more people can recognise the signs of potential exploitation."

"Raising awareness with our local hotels and guest houses about CSE can only lead to safer communities for our children."

"CSE can happen to any child, in any city, town or village."

"Running operations like this allow us to practically test how local businesses react to a potential CSE and we can then use the results of such operations to help shape further staff training."

"We will work with the businesses that failed the test to ensure they check identification when an adult attempts to book a room with a child."

"It was pleasing to see that some hotel staff asked probing questions to our covert police officer and the girl, and then subsequently reported their concerns to the police. This is exactly what we want to see."

Deputy Police Commander

for Cherwell and West Oxfordshire local police area, Chief Inspector Emma Garside, said: "The results of this test purchasing operation show valuable lessons are still to be learned."

"Our inability to book more hotel rooms was found to be more due to lack of availability rather than the actions of hotel staff."

"In every case where it is believed that a customer is seeking to obtain a hotel room for a person under 18 years of age, staff should ask for identification of all guests and contact police immediately with their concerns."

"There is a Hotel Watch scheme in place and these operations will continue to ensure the safety of those living and working in our area."

Cllr Tony Ilott, lead member for public protection, said: "We all have a duty to keep a watching eye out for anything that we may think is suspicious."

"I would encourage anyone who suspects that they may have seen something untoward, to be proactive in reporting any such incidents."



Oxford says 'yes' to Fairtrade this Valentine's Day

STUDENTS at Oxford University are campaigning for more colleges to become Fairtrade Accredited.

More than 20 different colleges are currently involved with the Oxford Fairtrade Campaign, which started in September last year and fights to reduce poverty by helping disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal.

Over the next two terms, students from multiple Oxford colleges will put forward a JCR motion in the hope of making their college Fairtrade accredited.

Motions in three colleges have already been passed and are moving onto the next stages of planning, with many more set to follow, the campaign group said.

The Oxford Fairtrade Campaign said it wants to 'send a message to companies'.

The group said: "By becoming Fairtrade certified, we are sending a message to compa-

nies that the lives of producers around the world matter."

"Until companies know that we value human lives over cheap products, they will not make the long-term, high-impact changes necessary to ensure justice at every stage of their supply chain."

"As a world-famous institution Oxford has a responsibility to make its position clear and call for justice."

The campaign is being jointly run by Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) and Just Love.

Anne-Marie Baston, president of Just Love, said: "Lady Margaret Hall and Christ Church already have Fairtrade certification - there is no reason every Oxford college should not follow."

Ailsa McKinlay, of Corpus Christi, Magdalen College, said: "Fairtrade does not solve every problem, but it is a significant and realistic step forward that we can take together."

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H&M among retailers set to open at Orchard Centre

By Eva Astreinidou

THE £50m expansion of Didcot's Orchard Centre is now set to include more big name retailers.

Hammerson, the developers of the site, have confirmed retailers including M&S food, TK Maxx, H&M and River Island have all signed up to take space at the shopping centre.

Thomas Cochrane, development manager at Hammerson said: "We are working to bring a number of other exciting brands to Didcot, and will announce these in due course."

Hammerson are working alongside consultants G L Hearn who confirmed that work on the new bus route, which will transform the pedestrianised part of Station Road, had to be completed before retail extension takes place.

The Guardian was told work was to start on January 23 and that this would run for 14 weeks up to May 5.

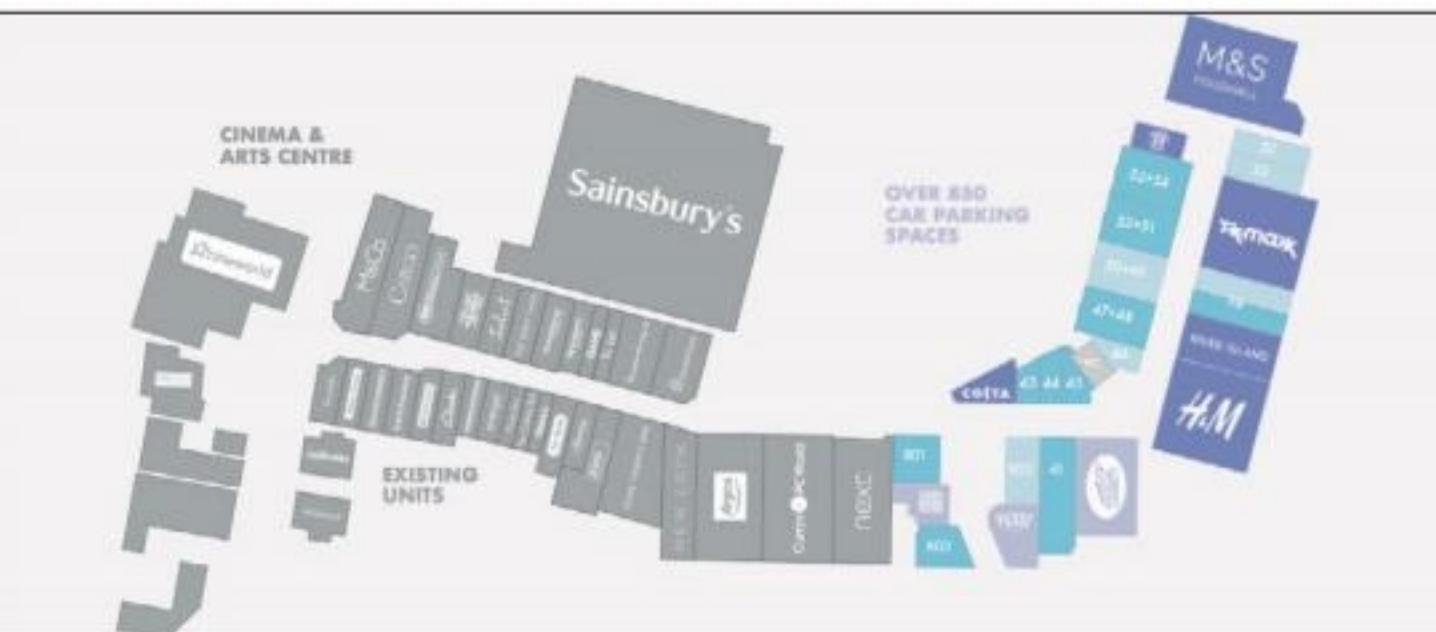
With a delay in the original plans, the work started a week later on January 30.

The Orchard Centre's phase two development is set to feature a total of 24 extra shops, six restaurants, a gym, and 105 parking spaces.

In July 2015, South Oxfordshire District Council released a statement that said: "Despite Didcot's excellent transport links, the town's growing population and its proximity to the nearby employment centres like Milton Park and Harwell, the town centre is still relatively small and only has a limited range of shops.

"Given the size and development of the catchment area it serves we have always intended to make this area bigger and better."

Earlier this month Didcot's Mayor Steve Connel said: "I have spoken with a number of people across the town and the vast majority seem genuinely



excited about the new places to shop and eat which will be brought in as part of phase 2.

"Having seen the plans I personally believe that it has the potential to become a location people will travel significant distances to visit."

"I just wish that I could say everything about phase 2 is positive, but the people of Didcot still ask me why busses are going to

be directed through a pedestrianised area. Unfortunately I have to give a response I hate, which is that Didcot Town Council unanimously opposed this route on more than one occasion, but were overruled.

"We are still very committed to ensuring that this route is altered as soon as possible and will continue to do all we can to achieve that goal."



An image of the Orchard Centre after phase 2 has been completed and above, a plan showing the proposed new units

Garden town status has potential to revolutionise town

From front page

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The town council objected to the plans on the basis it holds another 79 years on the lease for Ladygrove Park land and it is within its power to halt plans to build on the park.

Cllr Anthony Dearlove said: "It is clear from the public response and the many conversations I have had over the last few weeks this proposal has little if any support."

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better" and that the technology has the potential to revolutionise our town for the better and for that I am sure we are all grateful, but the process must be beneficial for the existing residents of Didcot as well as the many forecast thousands expected to join our community over the coming years."

As part of the draft proposals, there are recommendations for schools, health centres and other services, as well as a Technology Institute with homes.

But the Save Ladygrove campaign group contend that the plan "is quite clearly one of

1,849 signatures and can be turned our playing field into a business park".

An ongoing petition hoping to save Ladygrove's amenities and green spaces has received

signed at <http://tinyurl.com/jfhjlhb>

Consultation on the proposals ends on February 24. To consult, email info@didcotgarden.co.uk

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Young Achiever prizes ceremony

DIDCOT: The Young Achiever Award ceremony will celebrate 46 young people in South Oxfordshire.

The district council Chairman Paul Harrison and Vice Chairman Jeanette Matelot will be awarding the young winners who have achieved in sport, art or citizenship.

Those being recognised include a volunteer who started a 'Secret Santa' charity to distribute gifts to sick, vulnerable and elderly people, a set of triplets who are competitive skiers, two synchronised swimmers and a 16-year-old euphonium player.

The ceremony is on February 22 at Didcot Civic Hall.

Animal sanctuary loses sheep

DIDCOT: An animal sanctuary has lost two of its sheep after a fire broke out.

Thames Valley Police is investigating the fire at Hill Farm, Appleford, that killed two sheep late on Tuesday night.

Staff said: "Sadly we have lost our beloved sheep. We are beside ourselves with grief."

They added that the incident was arson, saying: "Who on earth would be so cruel, thoughtless mindless to do that to our sanctuary. Now we need urgent help with shelter sheds."

The group have asked for donations after its sheds "went up in smoke."

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£300k scheme to help children's centres

By Eva Astreinidou

PROPOSALS to help 12 more children's centres with £305,883 are among the latest moves to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has introduced the start-up funding for 12 more community schemes to run open access services at children's centres.

Community services will run alongside the council's new service for 0 to 19-year-olds. This new service aims to ensure that families who need extra help are

identified at an early stage and that the needs of children at risk of abuse and neglect are met.

Thirty-four locations will continue to receive the open access services, whilst the new applicants will have a chance to bid for the pot of money.

Those approved in the first round include Bloxham Primary School, Carterton Children's Centre, Elms Road Children's Centre, Grandpont Children's Centre, Marston Northway Children's Centre, and Red Kite Children's Centre.

The total that could be awarded to each ranges from



• Melinda Tilley

£10,000 to £35,000.

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for children and family services, Melinda

Tilley, said: "The response of local communities has been fantastic, and we are well on the way to seeing solutions in place at the vast majority of children's centre locations. It has never been the council's intention to close children's centres – quite the opposite in fact.

"I suspect many people didn't think this was possible, but we now have the makings of a truly countywide distribution of locations where 'drop-in' children's services will continue to operate."

The proposals will be recommended for approval by OCC's cabinet on February 21.

List of applicants / children's centres recommended for second round transition funding:

- Ace Centre Charity (Ace Centre, Chipping Norton): £29,983
- Barton Community Association (Barton El Satellite, Oxford): £14,000
- Employment Action Group (Bersinsfield Children's Centre): £35,000
- Friends of Britannia Road (Britannia Road Children's Centre, Banbury): £10,000 (*interim award pending submission to final round)
- Chalgrove Primary School (Chalgrove and Watlington Children's Centres) £30,000

- Faringdon Town Council (Faringdon Children's Centre): £30,000
- Grove PCC (Grove and Wantage Children's Centres): £10,000 (*interim award pending submission to final round)
- Kidlington with Hampton Poyle PCC (Kaleidoscope Children's Centre, Kidlington): £35,000
- Friends of Maple Tree (Maple Tree Children's Centre, Wheatley): £30,000
- Cutteslowe Community Association (North Oxford Children's Centre): £30,000
- D:two (Rainbow Children's Centre, Henley): £21,900
- Wallingford Town Council

(Wallingford Children's Centre): £30,000

List of proposals approved in first round:

- Bloxham Primary School (Butterfly Meadows, Children's Centre): £29,384
- Carterton Town Council (Carterton Children's Centre): £30,000
- Botley Bridges (Elms Road Children's Centre, Oxford): £30,000
- Grandpont Nursery (Grandpont Children's Centre, Oxford): £35,600
- St Nicholas Primary School (Marston Northway Children's Centre): £8,000

• Sharing Life Trust (Red Kite Children's Centre, Thame): £30,000

List of bids deferred to final round for more work but supported in principle:

- Aflah Nursery (Florence Park Children's Centre, Oxford)
- The Nature Effect (Florence Park Children's Centre, Oxford)
- Mortimer Hall (Marston Northway Children's Centre)
- The Kings Church, Didcot (South Didcot Children's Centre)
- Sunshine Centre (Sunshine Centre, Banbury)
- Witney Methodist Church (Witney Children's Centre)



• James King and Conner Turner graduated from SAE Oxford and haven't looked back since

The Golden Touch

THE stock of musicians who graduated from an Oxford creative institute continues to rise after BBC DJ Danny Howard named their latest hit as the 'hottest record in the world'.

House duo NVOY has featured heavily on BBC Radio 1 recently, with their new track Golden Touch making Danny's exclusive 'hottest record in the world' list on February 3.

Made up of James King, 23, and Conner Turner, 22, the pair graduated from Littlemore-based SAE Oxford in 2013 – and they haven't looked back since.

The duo, who gigged at Glastonbury and Wildlife, say they produce "glistening dance music, fusing elements of future RnB, UK bass, and house".

Golden Touch is the second song off NVOY's new EP album

'Aurum' to be played by Radio 1, with Make You Mine also receiving airtime.

James told Danny they have been overwhelmed by the success of the new album.

He said: "It's only our first EP with Black Butter, but for you guys to put [it] up so much has been so exciting for us.

"We're always listening to your show, Annie's show, Jam as well, so for you guys to pick it up is huge."

James and Conner formed NVOY while studying for a Bachelor of Audio Production at SAE's Littlemore campus.

Marked by their club-oriented dance floor sensibilities, the pair rose at first through internet acclaim on blogs and YouTube channels before releasing You Are in 2015.

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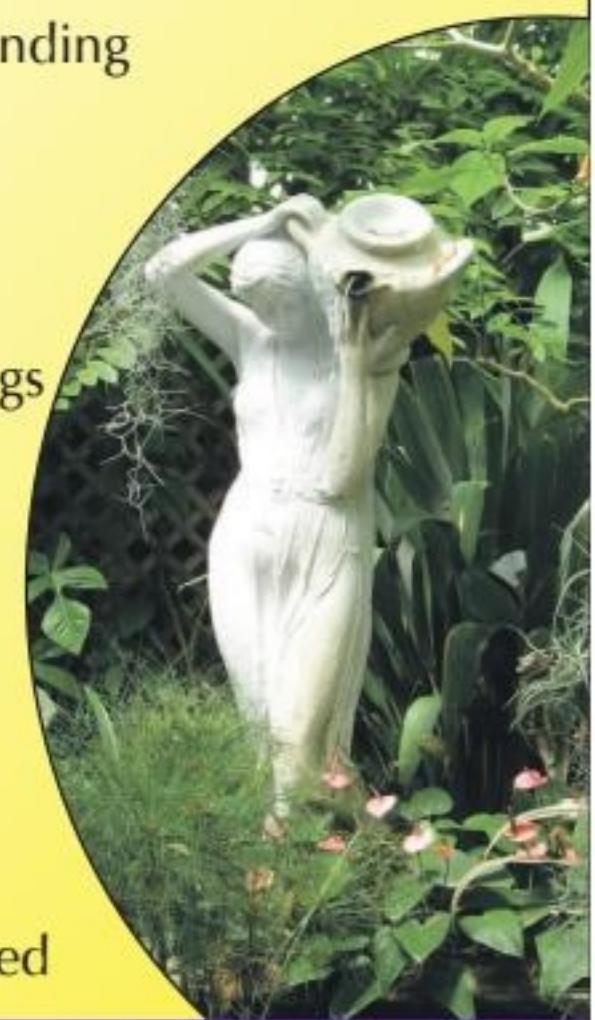
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Groups stand firm against plans for new 'super council'

By Eva Astreinidou

OXFORD'S Green Party and West Oxfordshire District Council are both holding their ground in their campaigns against Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) 'super council'.

The Green Groups on both the county and Oxford City councils are united against the One Oxfordshire proposals and are hoping that they can "galvanise opposition" and act as a focal point for those who want to see Oxford retain its own council.

Their 'Save Oxford from Tory rule' campaign highlights the unique nature of local government in Oxford, where there are no Conservative-run areas.

Councillor David Williams, a member of the Green Party, said: "This is not about geography, it is about ideology. It is wrong to impose a right wing vision of local Government onto the city when they have been successfully managing their own affairs and reflecting the views of their local electorate."

Cllr Craig Simmons, leader of the Green group, said: "The city is a cost effective, efficiently run, local authority that pursues its own agenda."

"While other councils in the county, and the county council itself, have been cost-cutting and privatising services, the city coun-



Craig Simmons and David Williams with other councillors and supporters at Oxford Town Hall

cil is unique in retaining control over service delivery at the same time as maintaining services. As the old saying goes, 'if it ain't broke - don't fix it'."

West Oxfordshire councillors are also working against the 'super council' proposals.

Residents in west Oxfordshire are being warned against the proposals with the increase in council tax, the end of free parking, and the potential of services declining.

Cllr James Mills, leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, said: "Our residents appreciate the fact that we have the lowest council tax in Oxfordshire and offer services such as free parking, which are of huge benefit to everyone."

"The county's proposals will involve creating a whole new council which would take at least two years."

"Meanwhile, our roads become ever more potholed, social care shrinks still further and rural bus services continue to disappear."

Cllr Mills is in favour of creating a combined authority model to work towards devolution and subsequently help unlock central government funds.

He added: "Rather than spending huge amounts of taxpayers' money on the new council which will undoubtedly increase council tax, we would be able to keep the efficient services and great benefits residents already enjoy as well as delivering the housing and infrastructure that is needed in the short-term."

One Oxfordshire gained further momentum last week when South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils joined the campaign, splitting those in support and those against right down the middle.

The two councils released a joint statement on Monday last week that said: "Having looked at all the evidence, we are convinced that a single unitary council for Oxfordshire provides the best prospect for maintaining high quality services and securing badly needed investment in infrastructure."

The proposals were announced at a press conference on January 18 where councillors claimed that savings delivered by One Oxfordshire could be up to £400,000 a week.

New members welcomed to cadet family



OXFORD local policing area (LPA) welcomed new members to their cadet unit at a ceremony last week.

Five cadets and their families were welcomed to the Oxford policing family by Supt Joe Kidman, Oxford LPA Commander, at St Aldates police station on Thursday last week.

The cadets conducted a drill before being awarded certificates.



The ceremony marked the end of the cadet's 15-week training programme, in which they have learnt parade drills, first aid and basic policing skills.

The cadets have supported many events such as the Oxford Half Marathon, Helen & Douglas House Rainbow Run and the Cowley Classic car show.

Now attested, the cadets will continue to build on their policing knowledge, meeting on a weekly basis and taking part in community events including crime reduction initiatives and intelligence gathering.

Sgt Paula Greenaway said: "I have been involved with the Oxford cadet unit since the beginning in March 2015, and the lead for a year and a half."

"I am proud to be leading the Oxford cadet unit, as they are consistently focussed on supporting the community in many events throughout the year."

The cadet scheme aims to provide young people between the ages of 13 and 17, from all backgrounds, with an opportunity to develop their qualities and skills through the programme, and to enhance the relationship between the public and the police.

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Man arrested after 164 bikes found in garden



A MAN has been arrested after more than 160 bicycles were seized from his back garden.

Thames Valley Police said they recovered a total of 164 bikes and arrested a 48-year-old man on suspicion of handling stolen goods on Tuesday last week.

At about midday on Monday, officers found the man pushing one bike and carrying another in Littlemore.

They registered the "160+ bikes seized as a result of a house search" and invited the man's home to follow the arrest of a male in Oxford. If we find yours, we will be in touch."

Officers are now working through the bikes to find out how many have been reported stolen.

Former scout leader 'targeted boys for sexual gratification'

By Eva Astreinidou

AN EX-SCOUT leader guilty of a number of child sex offences in Kidlington has been sentenced to 16 years in prison.

Gary Lane, 52 of Fairfax Road, Kidlington, was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Friday.

Lane appeared at the same court on January 27, where he pleaded guilty to two counts of rape of a child under 13, one count of sexual assault on a child under 13 and one count of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity.

Lane was sentenced to a 15 year prison sentence with one year to spend on licence. This means that instead of being released on licence after serving half of his sentence, Lane will be referred to the parole board, where they will decide whether it is safe for him to be released or whether he must serve the full term.

Judge Patrick Eccles QC said the defendant will be regarded as an "unscrupulous paedophile", and added that Lane got to know the two boys over time. Judge Eccles said: "You used



• Gary Lane has been jailed for 16 years for committing sex offences against two young boys

the influence to become not only friendly but also to secure their trust to enable your way to 'get at' their sons; to worm your way into the affections of the family.

"You contrived to get the affection of the boys. You used your position as someone who had been CRB checked. [Meanwhile] you had your eye on them all the time."

Lane, who failed to turn up for court twice last year, committed the offences against two boys between January 1, 2015 and November 30, 2015 and was

charged at Banbury Police Station on July 27 last year.

The court was told that the offences started happening against the older boy of the two, before Mr Lane turned his attention to the younger boy.

The court heard the interviews taken with the boys individually.

One of the boys said: "The first time that I stayed at his house was the bad bit."

Following the sentencing, Specialist Investigator Rhys Bevan, from the Child Abuse Investigation Unit said: "I would like to pay tribute to the victims and their families in this case, who have displayed the utmost bravery and courage throughout the investigation.

"Lane targeted these boys for his own sexual gratification, and it is down to the courage displayed by his victims in reporting the abuse that a conviction for his distressing crimes was secured.

"I hope that the victims and their families can now try to move forward with their lives, knowing that this man is finally where he belongs."

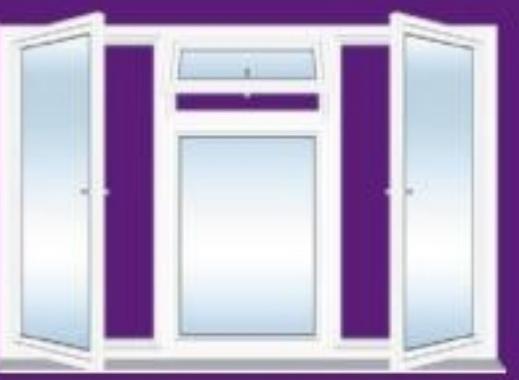
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Blenheim gets charity status

By George Welch

BLENHEIM Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, has been awarded charity status.

Palace chiefs said the move to make the historic house and gardens a World Heritage Site means "critical" restoration works can now be carried out.

Chief executive Dominic Hare said: "The palace is an extraordinary example of grand 18th century architecture.

"However both the fabric of the building and its priceless contents are in need of constant care and attention to help protect and preserve them for generations to enjoy."

The new status means Blenheim Palace can operate a Gift Aid scheme to claim back income tax on donations made by UK taxpayers, and apply for grants to support its conservation efforts.

A £350,000 programme of restoration is currently taking place on the historic North Step entrance to the palace which, Mr Hare says, is "just a small part of the annual investment required to main-



tain both the palace itself and more than 2,000 acres of parkland".

He added: "By establishing ourselves as a charitable organisation we are hopeful we can provide the security to safeguard this globally important heritage site for the future."

The house, which has 187 rooms - more than Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle - was financed by Queen Anne to celebrate the First Duke of Marlborough's triumph at the 1704 Battle of Blenheim.

The new status brings it in line with other world heritage sites such as Stonehenge. There are 30 such sites in the UK and over 1,000 across the globe.

Sir Winston was born at the palace in 1874, proposed to his wife Clementine there in 1908 and was buried beside his parents in the nearby cemetery of St Martin's Church in Bladon.

The palace and its surroundings were a constant source of inspiration and many of his paintings were completed there.

Controversial plans to build 300 homes near the palace on Oxford Road were approved on Monday last week.

Harwell engineers prepare for moon launch

A UK space company based at Harwell Campus will be designing and creating a prototype of a landing sensor for a historic unmanned lunar mission as part of a series of launches that could see the first human habitat on the moon.

Neptec UK won the contract to build the landing sensor ahead of a trip to the south polar region of the moon.

The sensor is being developed by a team of engineers at its offices and laboratory at Harwell Campus in Oxfordshire.

The contract, assigned by Airbus Defence and Space, is for the design of a "radar laser," or LIDAR, which forms part of the autonomous landing navigation system called PILOT.

Scheduled to launch in 2021, the 'Luna Resource-1 Lander' mission is being undertaken by the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos), in co-operation with the European Space Agency (ESA).

Sue Horne, head of space exploration at the UK Space Agency, said: "It is great to see such exciting projects coming out of the UK's investment in exploration."

Mike Kearns, managing director of Neptec UK, said: "We are extremely proud to be part of this exciting mission that will help establish the Moon as a launch site for



human exploration into deeper space. Its development."

Kerry Sanz, programme manager of Neptec UK, said: "Ninety per cent of the LIDAR design and prototyping work on this phase of the project will be done by UK-based companies and everyone involved is very enthusiastic to be part of this historic mission."

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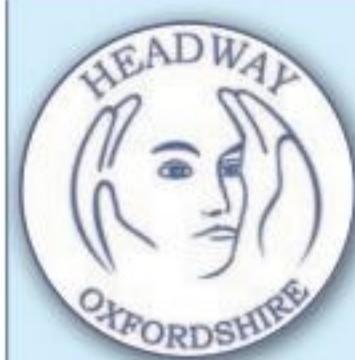

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Support the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year – Play2Give

A 'no brainer' – P2G founder Andy knew he had to help Headway



• Andy presented a cheque to Charlie Hayes of Headway at the charity's Christmas party in December



Didcot-based Play2Give is our charity of the year for 2017 with its funds going to Oxford Children's Hospital and Headway Oxfordshire – a charity close to the heart of its founder Andy Baker

PLAY2GIVE founder Andy Baker, who suffered a brain tumour as a baby and had brain surgery again aged 12, is on course to raise £5,000 for Kennington-based Headway, a charity that supports people affected by brain injuries.

Along with Oxford Children's Hospital, Headway, which supports around 450 adults with brain injuries and their carers, is one of two major benefactors from P2G's fundraising.

P2G, our charity of the year, began supporting Headway when Andy was referred to the specialist service in late 2011.

After visiting Headway on a weekly basis as part of his rehabilitation, he has now been part of the centre for nearly five years – and Andy wants to mark the milestone by raising £5,000 for Headway by the end of 2017.

P2G has helped raise more than £4,500 to date, with much of the money contributing towards the redevelopment of Headway's Activity and Rehabilitation Centre (ARC), which was completed last summer.

Now, P2G's focus is on helping to raise the final funds Headway needs to create the county's first neurological physiotherapy gym in the voluntary sector, including the equipping of new machines so more people can be helped in their recoveries.

Andy's goal is within touching distance as P2G has already raised over £4,500 through events such as football matches, second hand book sales, support from Sainsbury's Didcot, head shaves, raffles, monster runs and a superheroes spinathon.

Andy said: "For me, by Play2Give giving backing to Headway is a 'no brainer' as they have literally helped me in so many ways and given me so much back."

"I don't think I would be what I have been the past near five years without Headway."

"I am delighted P2G has been able to, with fantastic support, donate over £4,500 so far to a cause that means so much to me."

Andy admitted that living with a brain injury "isn't easy at times", adding: "It can be a

challenge, but I never let it get me down. I try to stay positive and focused and I love going to Headway weekly."

"I have so many friends there and the socialisation and interaction is great."

Headway's marketing and events officer Charlie Hayes said: "Play2Give's support is vital to Headway Oxfordshire.

"Andy himself is a shining example of how people with

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brain injuries can use physical exercise to aid their recovery, and we are all inspired by and how Andy now uses his love of sport to help others get the chance to regain their lives."

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Finishing touches to popular pantomime

LAUNTON players have been putting the finishing touches to their 31st pantomime, which opens today.

Organisers hope this year's show, Jack and Jill and the Beanstalk, will help the players push the £100,000 fundraising barrier.

The script has been written by Rod Fine – his fifth for the Launton Players – and is loosely based on the traditional fairy tales.

Steve Webber has penned the

score, and golden couple Martin and Celia Evans, celebrate their 31st show as director and producer respectively.

Mrs Evans said "We have been raising money for good causes since 1991 and this year we hope to pass the £100,000 mark with Jack and Jill and The Beanstalk."

"We have been rehearsing since last November, and have just completed painting the set, so some of the cast (we have 56 people on stage, and five more in the band) donned their costumes for a photo session."

More than 100 people are involved in the production, from today to Saturday, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm at the Cooper School Performance Hall, off Churchill Road.



• The traditional half-term pantomime gets under way
Pictures: Barry Miller for the Launton Village Players

CCTV released after theft from children's farm

By Samantha McGregor

A THIEF has stolen thousands of pounds of equipment from an Oxfordshire visitor attraction for disabled children.

A burglar struck in the early hours of last Wednesday morning at Fairytale Farm, in Southcombe, Chipping Norton.

But unluckily for the culprit, the break-in was caught on camera.

Owner Nick Laister has released the video footage and is appealing for help to catch the thief.

Mr Laister said about £3,000 worth of power tools, which were kept in a workshop, were stolen.

He said: "At just after 3am on Wednesday morning a thief wearing trainers and a hoodie, using a mobile phone as a torch, broke into the Fairytale Farm workshop building.

"Sadly he stole all of our power tools, including angle grinders, drills and jigsaws, and all of our specialist equip-



• CCTV images of the theft have been released

The CCTV footage shows the man walking into the building empty handed and back out again with the farm's power tools.

Mr Laister, who along with his wife set up the farm attraction in 2013, said: "Eventually, he spots the CCTV camera and moves it so that it is pointing up to the sky, but not before going right up to the camera to do this."

"We have uploaded the footage onto our YouTube page and we would ask people to look at the footage and if you think you might know the person who did it, please contact Thames Valley Police and quote crime reference number 43170040318."

The farm was the UK's first visitor attraction for disabled children. The couple were inspired by their daughter Olivia, 18, who has cerebral palsy, and wanted to create an attraction she could have enjoyed alongside her siblings.

Mr Laister said the theft did not stop the farm opening for the 2017 season on Saturday.

News Bites

Council pledge

N OXON: Cherwell District Council has pledged its support to a campaign fighting to save critical care and maternity services at Banbury's Horton General Hospital.

Oxford University Hospital Trust suspended consultant-led maternity services there last October.

The clinical commissioning group has since launched part one of a consultation over health services in the county.

Witness appeal

BICESTER: Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was attacked in the White Horse Pub, in Churchill Road, on Saturday, February 4, between 5pm and 6.40pm, during the France/England rugby match.

Police say the man was involved in an argument with two men and was punched and may have been kicked.

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Blitz success

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Be-Spoke weekend of female pedal power

By George Welch

A GROUP of female bike specialists will pedal into Oxford next month for a weekend celebrating women and their bikes.

Mountain bike champions, cycling commentators and shop owners are just some of the latest speakers to be announced for the two-day Oxford Festival of Women and Bicycles.

Devised by volunteers in the city, the event will include lectures on the science of saddle sores and cycle tours of the Cotswolds.

Volunteers at Oxford's Broken Spoke Bike Co-op have announced the full programme for the weekend championing women and bicycles.

The event takes place at the East Oxford Community Centre

in partnership with The Adventure Syndicate – a group of female cyclists – on March 4 and 5.

As well as showcasing big cycling names and up-and-coming heroes of the cycling world, the volunteer organisers have put together a series of practical workshops to help women overcome barriers that might be keeping them from getting on their bikes.

Organiser Karen McCallum said: "It's about helping people find practical solutions."

"Broken Spoke and The Adventure Syndicate share an ethos of helping women to acquire the tools and skills they need to take matters into their own hands."

There will also be a focus on fitting bodies to bikes, with yoga sessions aimed at improving riders' strength and flexibility.

More information, including the full schedule, can be found at tinyurl.com/jyn286s



'Cheeky, energetic boy', 10, killed in Topshop incident

AN investigation has been launched after a 10-year-old boy suffered severe head injuries and died in the Topshop store at Reading's Oracle shopping centre on Monday.

At around 4.15pm, police were called and found the boy – named as Kaden Reddick, from Burghfield – had suffered the injuries “after an incident involving a store display banner”.

He was taken to the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, where he was pronounced dead.

His family have paid tribute to him saying: “Kaden was a loving, cheeky, energetic boy whose death will leave a huge empty hole in the lives of everybody that knew him. Our house feels empty without him.”

They added: “For us the saddest part of Kaden’s death is that he will never be able to fulfil his potential. He was looking forward to driving his older

brother’s moped, driving a car, becoming a teacher, or visiting impossibly distant countries to him such as China. It is so hard to comprehend he will never do these things.”

Det Supt Paul Hayles said: “This is a tragic incident in which a boy has lost his life. We are supporting the boy’s family to assist them at this very difficult time. We continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this death, a scene watch is in place at the Topshop store and is likely to be in place for some time.”

“Detectives are working with the local authority and store owners to gather information on how this incident happened.”

The store remains closed while investigations continue.

The incident is expected to be referred to the Health and Safety Executive. A date for the post-mortem examination has not yet been set.

Man found injured in road

A MAN is in a critical condition after being injured on the A4074.

The 20-year-old man was found on the road suffering from serious injuries just after midnight on Tuesday.

He is currently being treated in hospital.

Police say it is likely he had been hit by a vehicle.

The road was closed between the Goldenballs and Berinsfield roundabouts for several hours while officers conducted their investigations.

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Scientist running for funds in memory of his grandad

By George Welch

AN OXFORD scientist who lost his grandfather to dementia is to pull on his running shoes and run a half marathon to raise funds for charity.

Medicinal chemist Dr Stephen Wren will take on the Surrey Half Marathon next month for Alzheimer's Research UK. The 45-year-old dementia researcher started running when he turned 40 and has been doing marathons ever since.

While training for the Abingdon Marathon last year, Stephen was injured and had to pull out, but has bravely signed up for the Surrey run on March 12 after recovering.

Stephen, a dementia researcher at the Alzheimer's Research UK Oxford Drug Discovery Institute at Oxford University, works to find novel ways of treating dementia by looking at the mechanisms behind the condition.

The institute is part of the wider Drug Discovery Alliance, funded by Alzheimer's Research UK, which also includes centres at Cambridge University and University College London.

Stephen, who lives in Aylesbury, joined the institute in June and so far raised £228 of his

2015 after the charity inspired him to raise as much money for the disease as he could.

He said: "Dementia is an increasing problem throughout the world. It's important to realise that dementia isn't caused by growing old – there are scientific mechanisms behind it and, with enough research, we can beat it."

"My grandad had dementia and it was very sad watching him decline. This gives me extra motivation to do all I can to find a treatment for the condition.

"It affects so many people – not just those who are diagnosed, but also the people around them.

"Dementia research is severely underfunded compared to other major diseases, which is why I've decided to fundraise for Alzheimer's Research UK by running the Surrey Half Marathon.

"Everyone's been really supportive and I hope I can do them proud."

Stephen has so far raised £228 of his

£300 target.

Kenneth Foreman, sporting events manager at Alzheimer's Research UK, said: "We want to say a big thank you to Stephen for supporting Alzheimer's Research UK and taking on the challenge of the

Surrey Half Marathon.

"When 47 million people around the world are living with dementia, it's important we do everything we can to find an effective treatment."

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Primary praised as 'pupils can't wait to come to school'

INSPECTORS from Ofsted have praised the standards of teaching at St Christopher's CE School in Cowley, Oxford.

After their visit to the school, Ofsted officers who inspect standards in education and services that care for children and young people, praised the teaching, learning and personal development at the school.

The inspectors, who visited the school in January, rated it as 'good' in all areas.

The report stated: "The headteacher's vision and dedication has transformed the school.

"She has made sure pupils' welfare and safety is the top priority and raised aspirations among staff of what pupils can achieve. As a result pupils are happy, keen learners who, as one parent said, 'can't wait to come to school in the morning'."

The inspectors praised the curriculum, stating: "Pupils enjoy a wide variety of lessons taught by specialists, including Spanish, computing and art.

"Pupils further hone their literacy and numeracy skills

across the whole curriculum; leaders place an emphasis on 'real life' problem solving to develop skills of independence and leadership and to help prepare pupils for their next stages of education.

"Pupils from all backgrounds thrive in this inclusive school.

"The vast majority of pupils are confident, self-aware, and are happy to talk to adults about their school and their learning."

Headteacher Sheenagh Broadbent said: "This is such a great outcome for our school which reflects on the all the hard work of my talented staff team over the last few years.

"Our children are just fabulous and I'm so pleased that the inspectors could see how much they all enjoy coming to school and being part of one large family here."


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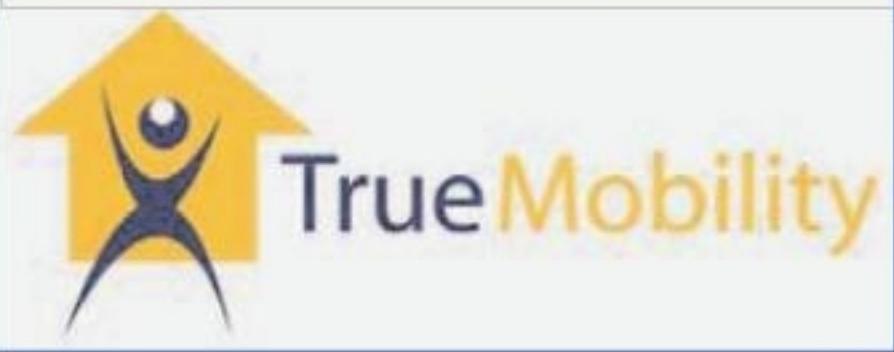
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Go ahead given for museum upgrade

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS to upgrade Thame Museum to tell the "story of Thame for future generations" have been approved.

The current 1980s extension will be demolished and replaced by a new single-storey extension, as well as a new entrance, foyer, cafe, library and storage facilities.

New steps and a ramp will be added to the front of the building and together with the new entrance will give the museum "greater street presence" on Thame's High Street.

The layout of the current building, which lies within the conservation area, is disjointed and areas such as reception, the library and research area, museum shop and informal rest and meeting space are not grouped together, causing staffing problems.

Cllr David Bretherton, trustee of Thame Museum, said "We are delighted that planning permission has been given for an extension to the museum building."

"Whilst getting to this stage has taken a great deal of effort, more work lies ahead of us to tighten up the specification and gain funding".

Plans were approved by South Oxfordshire District Council earlier this month.

Residents in nearby The Maltings



• Thame Museum is set for an upgrade

raised a string of concerns over the plans including that design was out of keeping with the area, that it would overlook a private garden, mess and noise disturbance during construction, and the extension would be overbearing.

The museum is housed in the former magistrates' court, which was bought by the town council in 2004.

It opened as a museum in 2007 and since then has become a "valuable community asset", attracting about 4,000 visitors a year.

It is staffed by volunteers and hosts a "growing" number of exhibits as well as guest collections.

The planning report said: "Officers consider that the proposed extension would be of a design and scale that would be in sympathy

with the established character of the conservation area.

"In my opinion, the extension would not be overbearing on neighbouring properties. The extension would no doubt change the character of The Maltings and may make the road feel very slightly more enclosed because the side wall of the building would be positioned in the place of the existing boundary wall."

Cllr David Dodds, chair of Thame Museum, added: "We can now start making plans about the way we tell the story of Thame for future generations.

"The approved plans will also enable the museum to have a greater street presence by restoring its original frontage."

New snow wardens rise to challenge

FAMILY butcher Steve Betts has joined the call for volunteer snow wardens in Banbury.

Staff at Mr Betts' Church Lane shop were first to receive safety equipment and training after Banbury Town Council appealed for shops and offices to help keep town centre pavements free of snow and ice.

The town centre scheme is an extension of an initiative started by the council in 2013 that now has almost 100 volunteers who take responsibility for gritting roads and pavements where they live.

Businesses have now been asked to get involved by gritting pavements outside their premises.

Mr Betts said: "The safety of our customers is very important to us and we are pleased to be part of this scheme."

"Spreading a bit of grit will take



• Staff at Betts Butchers sign up as snow wardens

little time or effort but the benefits could be very significant.

"If our actions prevent shoppers from falling, then it is worthwhile.

"The council supplies everything we need, and shows us how to do the job efficiently."

Cllr Kieron Mallon, leader of the

town council, said: "I'm sure many people will be grateful to him and his staff if we have snow or another spell of icy weather.

"Snow wardens are valued members of the community. They keep roads, pavements and footpaths safer for everyone."

News Bites

Canal Day cancelled

BANBURY: Town councillors have cancelled this year's Banbury Canal Day because it will clash with building work to extend Castle Quay shopping centre.

The council said construction work is due to start this summer and areas used by Canal Day would become out-of-bounds.

General services committee chairman Cllr Colin Clarke said the call had not been made lightly, but they needed to make an early decision.

Film raises £1,500

THAME: A charity film night hosted by Thame's mayor Linda Emery earlier this month has raised £1,466.

Film goers watched Bridget Jones's Baby at The Player's Theatre, in Thame, on Friday, February 3.

The cash was raised from ticket sales and a raffle on the night and will be split between the mayor's chosen charities the Red Kite Children's Centre and Thame Youth Projects.

Have a say on plan

CHINNOR: Residents are being urged to have their say on a draft local plan for the town.

Chinnor Parish Council has submitted its draft neighbourhood plan to South Oxfordshire District Council and people have until March 21 to comment.

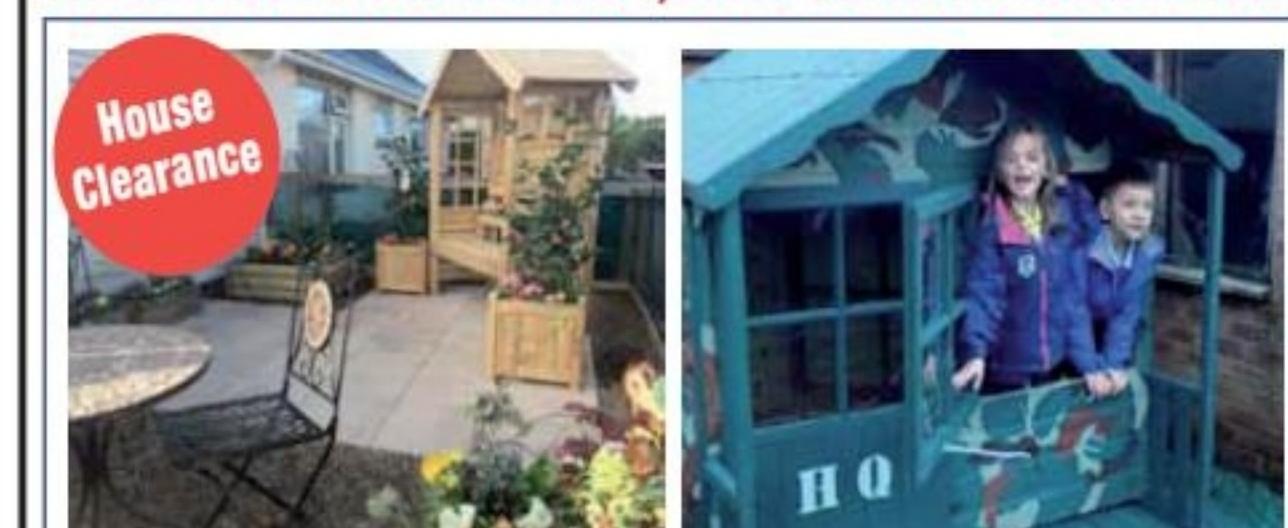
Afterwards the plan will be submitted to an independent examiner.

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You've decided on a car trade-in. Although you realize selling your car yourself will net you the best deal, the one-stop shopping convenience of buying a new car and trading in the old at the dealership appeals to you.

The trouble is, dealers have experience on their side, and extracting the best deal takes research, savvy and a bold approach. Below are the eight best ways to navigate a car trade-in:

1. Research the value: There are numerous Web sites where this information is available.

After you've checked these resources, you'll be armed with the high-end and low-end sale values for your car. When the dealer asks what you want for your car, hit them with the high end of a realistic price

2. Make sure the time is right: Convertibles don't sell well during Oxford's grey, winter months, but four-wheel drive vehicles do. Likewise, if you owe more on your car trade-in than you think you'll get from a dealer, you're in a very weak bargaining position.

Follow the news and trends. When petrol prices go up, people demand more fuel-efficient cars and the values of larger cars and SUVs go down.

3. Spruce up the car: Give the car the equivalent of "curb appeal" so the potential buyer's initial reaction is positive.

You should rid the car of any pet or smoke odors. If needed, take it to a dealer or a detail shop and ask for an ozone generator to remove unpleasant smells, or have it valeted.

Remove all your personal items, wash it and vacuum the inside. There should be nothing to stand in the way of the car dealer visualising your car on his forecourt.

4. Show your records: If you've kept all the maintenance records on your car, take them with you and ask the dealer if you can get more for your car because of them.



5. Negotiate the new purchase and car trade-in separately: Conventional wisdom dictates that each transaction should be treated separately. However, rather than negotiating the new car price first, we suggest you start the deal with the car trade-in, especially if you have a fairly sought-after car.

The trade-in is the weakest part of the deal. But if you have something desirable, the only reason the dealer won't take it is if he already has two or three of the same vehicle on his forecourt.

6. What should you say?: Start your negotiation by letting the salesperson know you've done some research. "Say something like, 'I was researching cars online to see what I can get for this car,' not 'it's worth £4,000 and not a penny less.'

7. Avoid game playing: Make a phone call before you go, ask the used-car manager what the value of your trade-in is. If you get a negative feeling on the phone, you'll want to scratch them off your list and save yourself a trip.

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Volvo Cars gives the new face of Volvo to the V40

CENTRAL to the model year exterior updates are new LED 'Thor's Hammer' headlights, resulting in a confident new look shared with Volvo's new XC90, S90 and V90. In the UK, these all-LED lights mark the V40 and V40 Cross Country out as the first models in the segment to get LED headlights as standard across the range. Also new are grille meshes featuring the updated and more visually striking Volvo Iron Mark.

"The V40 is the best-selling Volvo model in the UK, making it a vital car for the company. With the updates for Model

Year 2017, we're making this already very successful model even more attractive to customers," said Nick Connor, Managing Director of Volvo Car UK.

The exterior update includes the addition of eight new wheels across the V40 and V40 Cross Country models, and five new colours to the V40 range, including the completely new Amazon Blue and Denim Blue, as well as three colours already used by other models in the Volvo Car UK portfolio: Bursting Blue, Mussel Blue and Luminous Sand.

Continuing its innovative

approach to powertrain engineering, Volvo has reduced CO₂ emissions on its popular D2 manual powertrain to just 89 g/km in all trim level and wheel options.

The V40's trim structure has also been changed in line with that of the new XC90. Customers can now choose from Momentum and Inscription versions, along with the sports-inspired R-Design and the rugged Cross Country.

In a cue taken from the award-winning Volvo Concept Estate, a new upholstery called City Weave will

Volvo Cars gives its bestselling V40 and V40 Cross Country the new face of Volvo for Model Year 2017, with trim updates across the range.

be added. Several new interior panel trims will also be offered: Milled Aluminium, Black Grid Aluminium and Stealth Aluminium. New tread plates will be added for the R-Design and Inscription trim levels, and an updated key fob with the new Volvo logo will be available.

tial update. Volvo On Call already delivers wearable connectivity (Apple Watch/Android Wear), and the new Microsoft Band 2 connectivity now enables voice-control for certain features when using Windows 10-based smartphones.

Other updates to Volvo On Call include a calendar integration function that connects your personal calendar to the mobile app, allowing it to send calendar appointment destinations directly to your navigation on request. For 2016, Volvo On Call will broaden its scope and provide support for

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Volvo will also introduce Flic button compatibility with Volvo On Call. Flic allows you to program a single physical 'smart button' to perform several tasks, such as locking your car, and can be used as a shortcut to Volvo On Call services.

Volvo now also offers support for Windows 10 with a new version of the Volvo On Call application that can be used on regular PCs and tablets to interact with your car.

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The all-new Mazda MX-5 RF

- The all-new Mazda MX-5 RF Retractable Fastback on sale from the 4th March 2017
- Priced from £22,195 to £28,995 the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF joins the award-winning MX-5 range
- Limited to just 500 cars, the £28,995 Launch Edition features unique styling and equipment.

WITH production having started at Mazda's Ujina Plant in Hiroshima Japan, the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF Retractable Fastback will go on sale on the UK on the 4th March 2017.

With the first cars produced heading to Europe and North America, UK drivers will be able to get behind the wheel of Mazda's exciting new MX-5 Retractable Fastback early next year.

With a limited run of just 500 cars, the six model range will be heralded by the flagship Launch Edition. Powered by a 160ps 2.0-litre SKYACTIV-G engine, the Launch Edition is marked out by its unique twin-tone roof, BBS wheels, black door mirrors and black rear spoiler. Available with a choice of free-of-charge Soul Red or Machine Grey metallic paint, it also comes with a Safety Pack as standard, while the exclu-

sive feel continues inside with Alcantara trim and Recaro seats.

Designed to offer a new dimension of open-top driving fun, while at the same time staying true to the underlying principle of the previous generation MX-5 retractable hardtop, the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF's 'fastback' styling gives it a unique appearance roof up or down, broadening the appeal of the world's best-selling two-seater sports car.

As with the established Mazda MX-5 convertible, all models powered by the 2.0-litre 160ps engine feature a limited slip differential and 17-inch wheels; while Sport Nav models (and the Launch Edition) feature Bilstein dampers and strut brace to further enhance their dynamic set up. Plus, with the introduction of the £27,095 Sport Nav Auto, the current genera-

tion of MX-5 is offered with an automatic gearbox for the first time in the UK. Offered in both SE-L Nav and Sport Nav trim, RF's powered by the 1.5-litre 131ps engine will arrive in dealerships in May.

Developed to deliver enhanced cabin comfort and a refined ride, while at the same time maintaining the agility, performance and driver engagement of the MX-5 convertible, the suspension and electric power steering parameters of the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF have been specifically tuned for the Retractable Fastback. In addition, a sound-absorbing headliner used in the front and middle roof panels combines with sound insulation around the rear wheel housings to deliver a significantly quieter cabin when the roof is closed.

"With the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF we freed ourselves

from traditional ways of thinking and took on fresh challenges in order to create something new. Our aim was a convertible sports car with gorgeous fastback lines when the roof is closed and an exhilarating open-air feeling when open", commented Nobuhiro Yamamoto, Mazda MX-5 Programme Manager.

The MX-5 RF's retractable hardtop consists of front, middle and rear roof sections, and a rear screen. When the top is lowered the front and middle portions are stowed together, while the rear glass sits behind the seats, leaving the rear roof section in place to create a unique open-topped look, and a cabin feeling that combines a sense of open air freedom with the impression of being securely ensconced within the car.

On the Launch Edition the front and middle roof sections feature a piano black finish that contrasts with the Soul Red or Machine Grey metallic paint, which both use Mazda's unique "TAKUMINURI" paint process to deliver glossy depth and nuanced shading that intensifies the contrasts between light and shadow with its high-density finish, giving the impression that the body was sculpted from a solid block of steel.

Building on the all-new Mazda MX-5's award-winning design, the RF's roof up style will set it apart when it arrives on UK roads early next year. A 5mm increase in roof height aside, the RF retains the same overall length, width and wheelbase as the MX-5 convertible, but thanks to gently downward



sloping buttresses that tuck in at the sides to create a tear-drop shape, the RF's elegant fastback silhouette accentuates the MX-5's dynamic and contemporary sports car proportions in a completely unique way.

"If we consider the convertible model to represent the purist of lightweight sports car appeal, the new Retractable Fastback epitomises a new type of MX-5 that aims to be a compact sports car with a natural charm that everyone will find beautiful", commented Masashi Nakayama, Mazda MX-5 Chief Designer.

With pre-order now open, the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF will arrive in dealerships on

the 4th March 2017 and promises to add another chapter in the MX-5 success story. Jeremy Thomson, Managing Director of Mazda Motors UK said, "we're very excited about the arrival of the all-new Mazda MX-5 RF. It will add a unique and stylish model to our range, one that stands distinct from the MX-5 Convertible, yet retains all the award-winning driver appeal our sports car is famed for."

Adding, "with over 120,000 sales since its launch in 1990, the UK has played a huge part in the MX-5 success story. The last generation of retractable hardtop accounted for a large percentage of MX-5 sales and we expect the all-new RF to continue that trend."



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Meet the brand new Hyundai i10

- The evolution of Hyundai Motor's second-generation i10 features usually found in the segments above as well as young and modern design refinements
- A-segment car is designed, developed and made in Europe
- The New i10 offers new advanced active safety and connectivity
- Hyundai Motor's refined

THE New i10 is enhanced with new advanced active safety and connectivity features from the segments above, as well as modern design refinements, including the new signature Cascading front grille to enhance its emotional appeal.

"The New i10 showcases Hyundai Motor's promise to democratise technology by offering latest connectivity and safety features from the segments above responding to today's customers' needs," said Thomas A. Schmid, Chief Operating Officer at Hyundai Motor Europe. "The excellent package of the i10, delivering highest value to the customers, has made it one of the best-selling cars in its class and popular with customers across Europe – a success story that the New i10 is set to carry on."

Refined design highlights and an enhanced ride

The New i10 comes with design refinements for a more emotionally appealing look. The new Cascading grille is a further development of the Hexagonal grille with a downward tapering shape created by adding a concave element. The Cascading grille

will become the new family identity for Hyundai models in the future.

In the front the New i10 features a new bumper design and new round LED daytime running lights on Premium and Premium SE models, positioned at the edges of the new Cascading grille. At the rear, the New i10 is also characterised by an evolved bumper design with a black inlay and round fog lights and redesigned rear lights with a darker housing for a sportier look. Redesigned side mouldings with a new shape and size round off the New i10's fresh profile.

Moving to the interior, from SE trim and above, the New i10 now comes with a no cost option of red or blue interior trim alongside the standard black cloth interior.

The New i10 introduces a new design of 14-inch steel wheels on S and SE models, new design 14-inch alloy wheels on Premium models, with Premium SE models continuing with 15-inch alloy wheels. Enhancements in ride and handling due to larger front bump stops, a modified steering gear ratio



and magnesium steering wheel structure round off the New i10's segment-leading package.

Like its predecessor, the New i10 will come with the proven choice of two petrol engines, 1.0 litre and 1.2 litre, driving the front wheels through five-speed manual as standard or an optional four-speed automatic gearbox on 1.2 litre SE, Premium and Premium SE models..

A great package of connectivity, convenience and active safety

The New i10 makes advanced technology available to more people than ever before. Responding to customer demand for simple connectivity features, the New i10 Premium SE includes the latest connectivity features, all integrated into the new seven-inch touchscreen navigation system. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto guarantee seamless integration, safe operation

and mirrored functionality of mobile devices based on iOS or the Android operating system. In order to be up-to-date, the New i10 Premium SE's navigation system comes with a seven-year free subscription to LIVE Services, offering real-time traffic and weather conditions, points of interest as well as the position of speed cameras in countries where this is permitted by law.

Customers do not even have to choose: the New i10 Premium SE is the only car in its class to offer Android Auto, Apple CarPlay and LIVE Services in a single infotainment system.

In terms of safety options, the New i10 now comes with two new advanced features to actively avoid accidents, both based on the new multi-functional camera: a Front Collision Warning System (FCWS) and a Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS). Using front camera sensors, the FCWS alerts the driver

acoustically and visually about collision risks arising from other vehicles. The LDWS alerts the driver with an audio alarm sound if the car moves over lane markings to prevent unsafe movements. LDWS and FCWS are optional on SE models and above as part of the Driver Assist Pack.

On the convenience side, the New i10 scores with the tried and tested feature package of its predecessor: automatic air conditioning on SE and SE Blue models, with Premium and Premium SE equipped with climate control as standard. Heated steering wheel and heated front seats on Premium SE make it an ideal companion for every weather condition and every activity. Up to five people fit into the roomy interior and the segment-leading boot volume of 252 litres offers generous stowage.

Made in Europe, for Europe – the i10 success story

Since its introduction back in 2008 the i10 has been a major success story for Hyundai Motor UK, with over 182,000 units sold by November 2016, making it one of the best-selling cars in this segment in recent years.

The original i10 alone, with its unique value for money offer, achieved nearly 114,000 sales between 2008 and 2014. When the second-generation i10 was introduced in late 2013 the model truly became a European car – designed and developed at the Hyundai Motor Europe Technical Center (HMETC) in Rüsselsheim, Germany, and manufactured at Hyundai Assan Otomotiv Sanayi (HAOS) in zmit, Turkey.

The second-generation i10 with its young, modern design and dynamic drivability has continued the UK success of its predecessor, with more than 68,000 units sold in only three years.





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Johnsons Honda celebrates the arrival of the new Civic in Oxford

Johnsons Honda Oxford is delighted to announce the arrival of the first new 2017 Honda Civic models in Oxford.

As part of showcasing the all-new Honda Civic, Johnsons Honda will have a selection of the 10th generation models, including Civic Sport Turbo, so that potential customers can view their dream car!

The British-built Honda Civic is made in Swindon and exported world-wide. UK customers will be able to choose from either a 129PS and 182PS turbo charged petrol engine with either a manual or automatic transmission when the car goes on sale in late March.

This latest Honda Civic is the tenth generation and builds on the notable success of past models. It is the result of the largest research and development project Honda has ever undertaken.

The result is that the Honda Civic is distinctive thanks to its stand-out design, comes with greater refinement than ever before, and is exciting to drive due to the new engines.

With such a variety of choice, Johnsons Honda Oxford is confident it has a Honda Civic to suit even the most discerning of buyers.

David Wright, franchise director at Johnsons Honda said: "The Honda Civic has always been a strong seller

for us but the latest generation model has really moved the game on substantially. With its sporty driving, class-leading space and advanced safety, the all-new Honda Civic is a compelling buy. It even comes with the very latest in advanced connectivity."

Wright continues: "There is one aspect that all potential customers of the new Civic will welcome – the extremely competitive deals we have on offer. That's why I'm confident we can help all customers to choose the version that's right for them."

The new Honda Civic arrives in Johnsons Honda's showroom having already claimed a prestigious award. The high-performance version of the Civic, the Type R, took the highly acclaimed What Car? Award for the most anticipated car of 2017.

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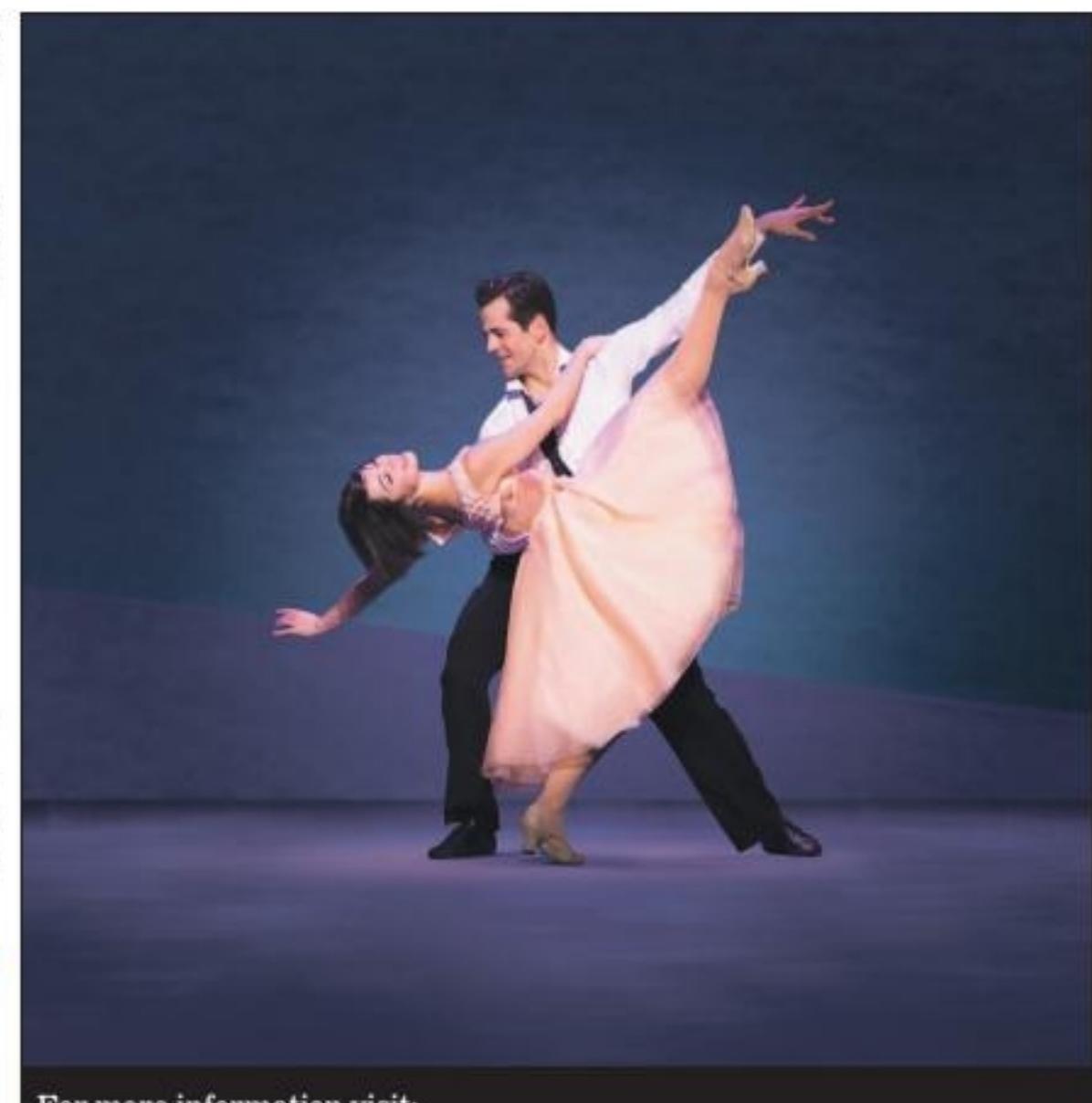
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**Ground-floor apartment
in Abingdon's Old Gaol
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LET Abingdon on Thames £1,500 pcm

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LET Dorchester On Thames £1,395 pcm

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**Abingdon**

A well presented house in a popular location off Audlett Drive, minutes walk from Abingdon Science park with good links to Oxford and A34.
One double bedroom with built in wardrobes, bathroom with shower over bath, kitchen with fridge/freezer and washing machine, living room, off street parking for one car. Unfurnished.
Available 18th April

£785 pcm

**Abingdon**

A contemporary ground floor apartment nestled within the popular Thameside development of The Old Gaol, in the very heart of Abingdon on Thames. This development offers exclusive residents only gym access.

Entrance hall, open plan kitchen with integrated appliances, sitting/dining room, two double bedrooms with built in mirrored wardrobes. Master has en suite wet room and there is an additional family bathroom. Secure underground parking. Unfurnished. Available immediately

£1,500 pcm



LET Abingdon

£1,050 pcm

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LET Abingdon

£995 pcm

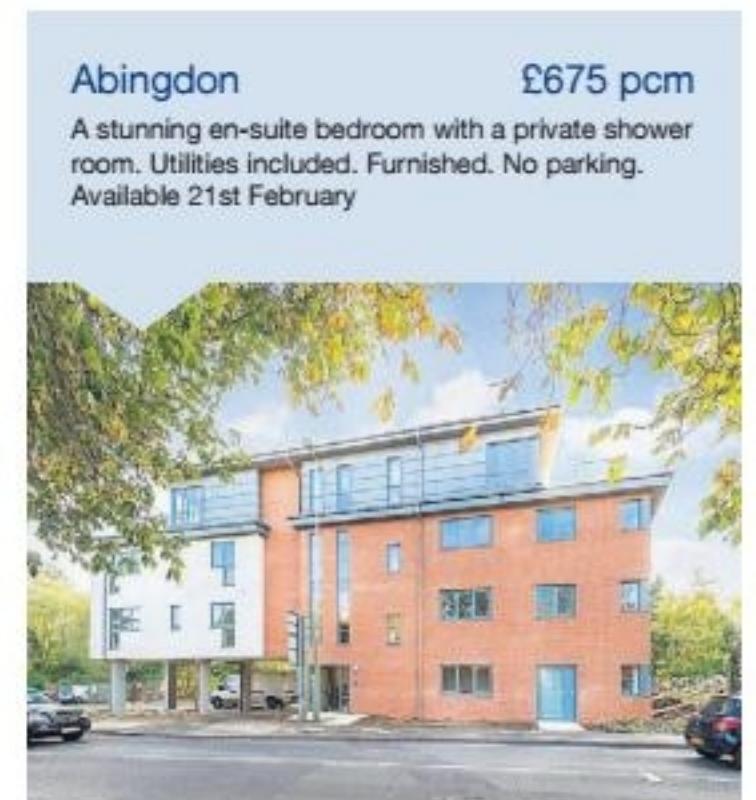
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Longworth £750,000
An attractive and contemporary detached period home offering flexible accommodation situated within the village of Longworth. EPC Rating E.



Abingdon £315,000
A three bedroom family home with driveway parking and a garage, situated within a cul-de-sac location. EPC Rating E



Abingdon £375,000
This family home will appeal to those looking for a house which offers a no through road position, at the end of a cul-de-sac. EPC Rating C.



Abingdon £230,000
Light, bright 2 bedroom maisonette will appeal to those looking for ground floor living and a private rear garden. EPC Rating C.



Abingdon £310,000
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Abingdon £279,950
Two bedroom house situated in the Dunmore area, within 0.3 miles of Long Furlong Primary School and Medical centre. EPC Rating D.



Sutton Courtenay £390,000
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Southmoor £450,000
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Abingdon £285,000
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Abingdon £295,000
A super three bedroom family home with neutral decor throughout, a modern kitchen and contemporary bathroom. EPC Rating C.



Abingdon £315,000
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2 BED ABINGDON
INSTRUCTION

A MODERN 2 double bedroom APARTMENT with 2 bathrooms. It also includes a good sized modern kitchen, located above a wedding shop with private access and paved garden. £249,950



1 BED

NEW INSTRUCTION

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4 BED YARNTON

A fabulous DETACHED house located in the rural VILLAGE of YARNTON with good access to OXFORD and WOODSTOCK. The property has easy access to A34 and is a short drive from Oxford and Water Eaton Station. £1,695 PCM



3 BED STEVENTON

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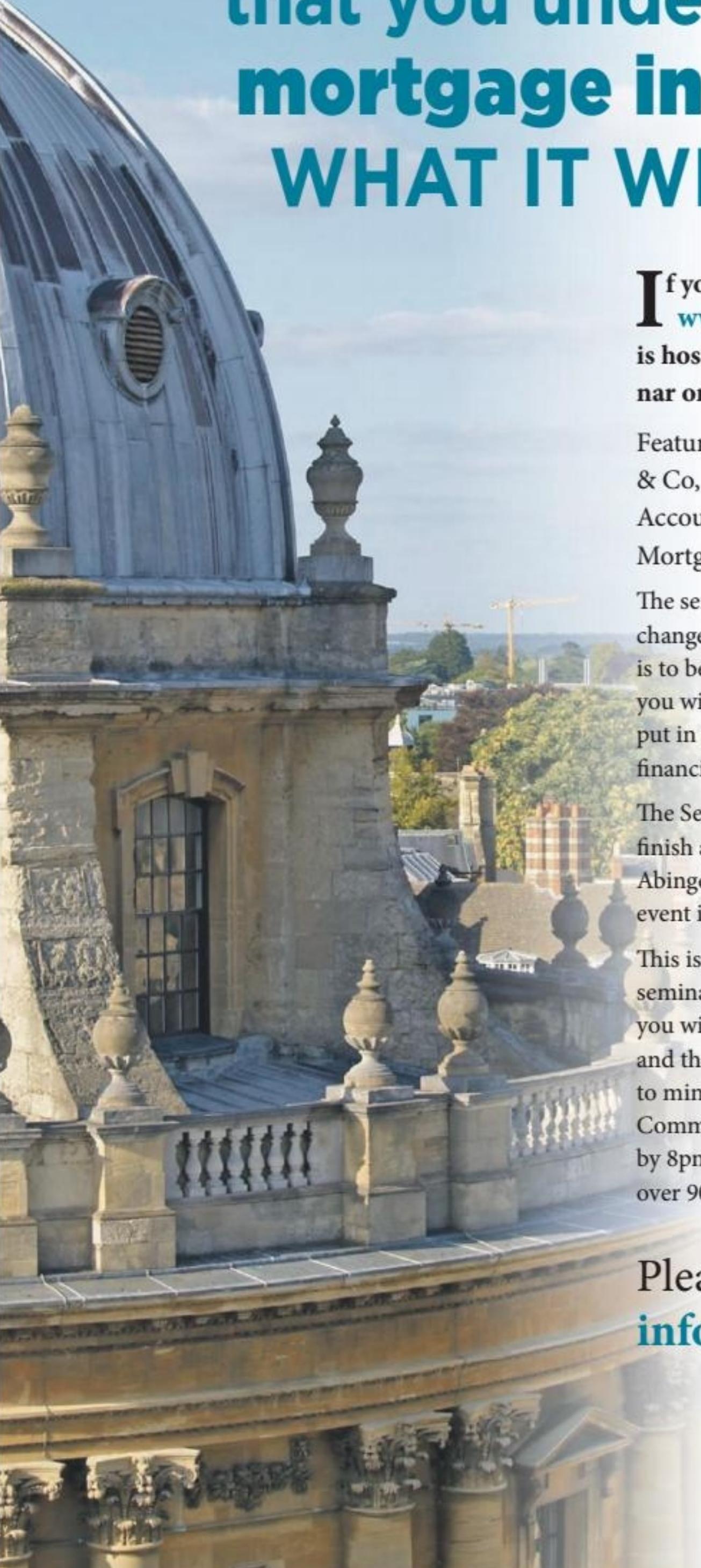


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www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk is hosting a Landlord Seminar

LANDLORDS - How confident are you that you understand the changes to mortgage interest rate relief and WHAT IT WILL MEAN FOR YOU?



If you have any doubts, don't worry! www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk is hosting a seminar a Landlord Seminar on 2 March 2017.

Featuring expert speakers from Martin & Co, Hedges Law, Critchleys Chartered Accountants and London & Country Mortgages.

The seminar will ensure you understand the changes to mortgage interest rate relief that is to be phased-in from April 2017. And, you will learn from experts about how to put in place sensible plans to minimise the financial impact on your income.

The Seminar will commence at 6pm and finish at 7.30pm at The Oxford Spires Hotel, Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4PS. The event is limited to just 150 places.

This is the first in a series of planned seminars through 2017, and will provide you with easily understood information and the practical steps you can take now, to minimise the financial impact to you. Commencing at 6pm you will still be home by 8pm, having heard from local experts over 90 minutes.

At the event you will hear from:

Gerry Jackson a Chartered Tax Advisor and Director at Critchleys

Carl Selby a Solicitor and Head of Business Services at Hedges Law

Ollie Sills a Manager at London & Country Mortgages

Bill Cooper Managing Director of Martin & Co Oxford

And, there will be time to pick their brains before, during or after the seminar.

You will be run through the changes to mortgage interest rate relief planned from 5 April 2017 and how they will phase-in progressively over the coming years.

Through worked examples, you will know how to assess the impact on you. You will learn about the factors that need to be considered when planning how to off-set the financial impacts of the changes, and we will explore in some detail the pros and cons of setting up a company structure, and the opportunity to re-mortgage given the changes many lenders have implemented since the start of 2017.

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Last few houses available at Middleton Cheney and Kings Sutton developments

Barwood Homes, the privately owned, Northampton-based house-builder, is experiencing tremendous growth throughout Oxfordshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Buckinghamshire.

They currently operate out of six bespoke developments but this will rise to over 10 by summer 2017, culminating in over 150 legal completions by the end of the year.

At their exclusive Cheney Park development in Middleton Cheney (only 10 homes), they have just two homes left; the Althorps, five-bedroom detached with double garage, with prices starting at £599,995. (Ready to move into) Viewings by appointment.

At the luxurious Little Rushes development in Kings Sutton, they have just reduced plot 12, The Blenheim, five-bedroomed home with double garage to £799,950, as well as the five-bedroom Woburn, plot nine, which has had a £50,000 reduction, ready to move into for March.

This exclusive development also offers larger than average three-bedroomed semi-detached homes

from £349,000. The show home is open Thursday to Monday, 10.30am to 5pm.

Coming soon are two new developments, firstly at Kineton Mews, Kineton.

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Also launching this spring is the long-awaited Adderbury development, on Banbury Road. This provides for a superb range of one, two, three, four and five-bedroom homes.

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BARWOOD HOMES



The Government's much vaunted and long awaited white paper was published last week, and it seems to signal a shift in Government thinking away from the mantra 'home-ownership = Good; renting = Bad' to a recognition that both ownership and renting need to be encouraged.

That is something that I have been arguing for several months. This shift is

The housing white paper – some positives, some missed opportunities, and some confusion

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

to be applauded.

We should also applaud the Government's desire to protect legitimate tenants from rogue landlords. However, there is still no recognition of the need to protect legitimate landlords from rogue tenants.

The recognition of the value of build to rent schemes in our cities is certainly a welcome new innovation, and this should help to meet the rising tide of demand for affordable rental properties. However, the white paper is mute on measures to encourage smaller landlords to continue to invest to expand the supply of available properties in the short to medium term.

Since the white paper was released, many of the headlines have centred on Government's desire to promote longer-term

three-year tenancy agreements to provide a more stable environment for young families living in rental accommodation.

However, the housing minister has subsequently been forced to clarify that those longer-term tenancies will not apply to small buy to let landlords, who are often unable to offer tenancy terms longer than 12 months due to limitations placed on them by mortgage lenders and insurance providers.

The measures to ease the bureaucracy of decision making and improve transparency of local authority planning policy is also welcome. New housing is desperately needed across the UK particularly in larger towns and cities where under-supply is driving prices above wage inflation.

It seems to me that the Government

is too focused on popular measures which it believes may result in votes, rather than taking time to think fully about the market, and how best to improve fairness and supply over the short, medium and long-term.

For example, the proposed ban on fees charged to tenants by letting agents, risks landlord costs escalating and rents rising above trend as a result. Already rents are proving unaffordable, with growing numbers of tenants being unable to pass credit/affordability checks.

There is certainly a need to bear down on unscrupulous letting agents charging exorbitant fees, but a blanket ban which stops all fees will have unwanted consequences.

The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has warned that follow-

ing last year's increase in stamp duty for landlord investors, the forthcoming restrictions relating to mortgage interest rate relief will force many smaller landlords to reduce their portfolios and for many discourage further investment. This at a time when rental supply is so restricted (as recognised by the Government) also seems unwise.

So, a mixed-bag of measures which are directionally correct, but where populism has trumped analysis and clarity of purpose. Yes there are four million voters living in rented accommodation, and protecting them from exploitation is absolutely correct. But, basing policy on the assumption that all letting agents, all landlords and most developers are exploitative, risks undermining stability and supply over the coming decade.

The Old Gaol, Abingdon on Thames

• From front page

A contemporary ground floor apartment nestled within the popular Thameside development of The Old Gaol, in the very heart of Abingdon.

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residents-only gym access.

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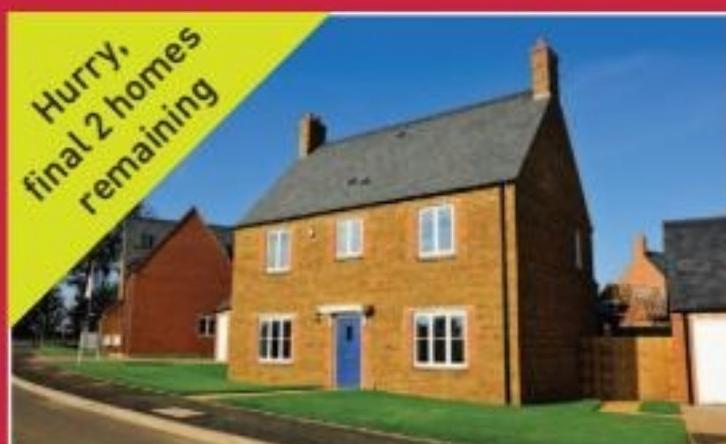
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Middleton Cheney £550,000



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Village Location
No Onward Chain

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End of Terrace
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Mature Rear Garden

Banbury £260,000



THREE BEDROOMS
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Three Bedroom End Of Terrace
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Banbury £255,000



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SHILTON PARK £245,000



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SHILTON PARK £245,000



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SHILTON PARK £315,000



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Quick Clues Across

- 1 Starting again (8)
- 4 Knob (4)
- 8 Be plentiful (6)
- 10 Nape of the neck (6)
- 11 Molars (5)
- 12 Traded (5)
- 14 Suitable for agriculture (6)
- 17 Never at rest (9)
- 18 Carrying too much (9)
- 22 Hard (6)
- 23 Marked in a mysterious way (5)
- 24 Items (5)
- 26 Handwriting (6)
- 27 Resinous (6)
- 28 Stain (4)
- 29 Charges with a duty (8)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Peruse (4)
- 2 Beaches (6)
- 3 Cloak (6)
- 5 Digits (6)
- 6 Disagreed (8)
- 7 Dark yellow (5)
- 9 Discouraging (9)
- 10 Strong supporters (9)
- 13 Living (5)
- 15 Kind of poplar (5)
- 16 Comprises (8)
- 18 Carry to excess (6)
- 19 Explode (5)
- 20 Clearing cloth (6)
- 21 Relatives (6)
- 25 Shades (4)

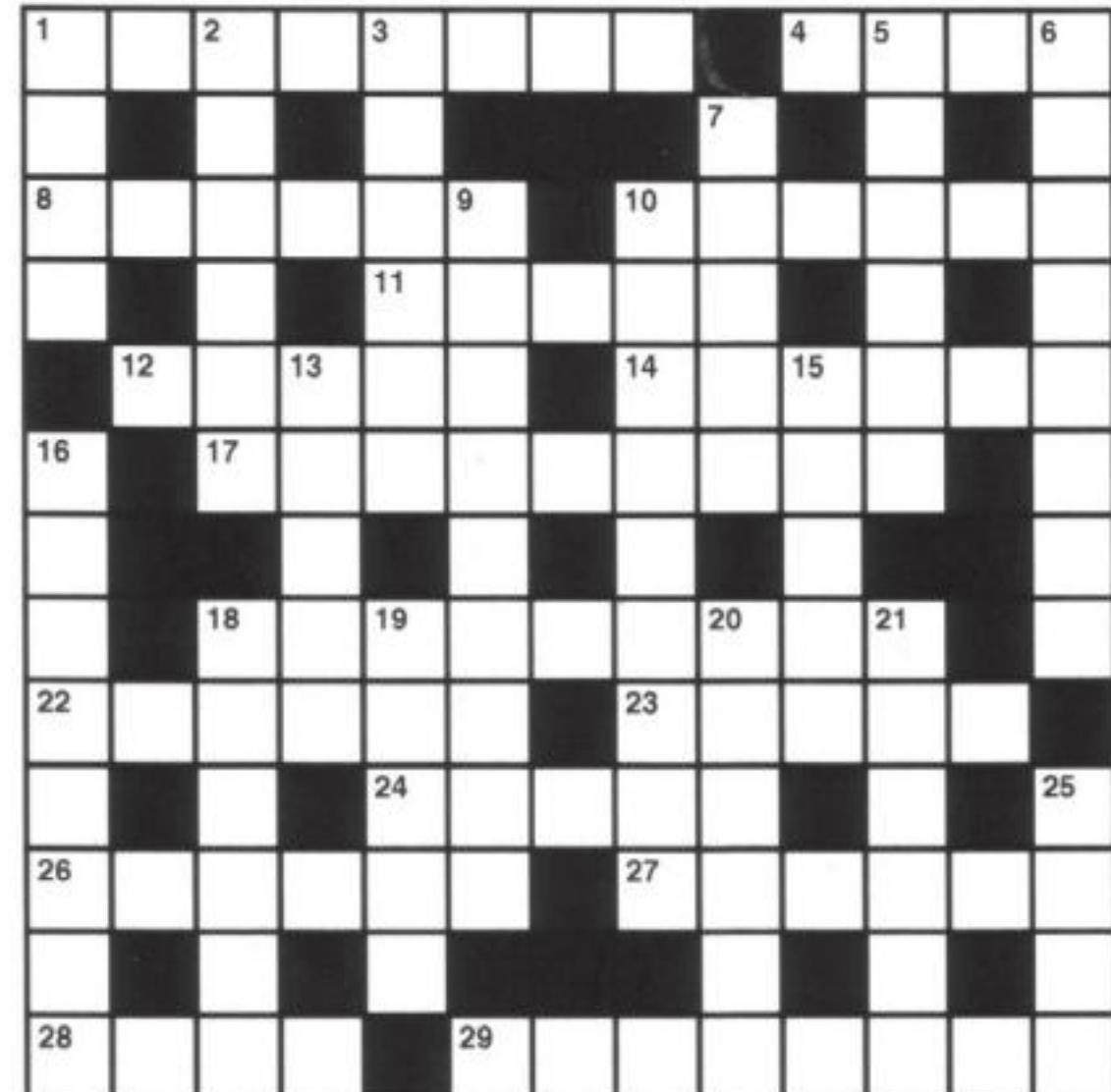
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Dashed to make the connection (8)
- 4 The girl takes a follower to the festival (4)
- 8 Help needed for Long Island caught in a sandy ridge (6)
- 10 Drops the matches (6)
- 11 Speak out, instead of keeping nothing inside (5)
- 12 Make a bid - there's a little official hesitation (5)
- 14 Slightly distorted viewpoints for simply heavenly people (6)
- 17 With which to handle confidential information? (9)
- 18 Groups around a hundred and fifty are very small objects (9)
- 22 Everything in the wager makes for a pantomime (6)
- 23 Polish your brow, or back to the breaking of a law (5)
- 24 Be depressed under the surface (5)
- 26 Danger can be found outside the house (6)
- 27 We rake out the less healthy (6)
- 28 Film I left is disposed of (4)
- 29 Fed up, and doomed to hold a small number (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Wounded right in the cabin (4)
- 2 Upset the bucket with a very loud noise - then dish the rice (6)
- 3 Number of the Spanish flat? (6)
- 5 Strips back a state of unwatchfulness (6)
- 6 Helped like my sister, Edwina? (8)
- 7 Exhausted on the southern slope (5)
- 9 Neglected, but obtained for ten surrounding (9)
- 10 The ragged fellow could exult after turning over acres (9)
- 13 Conduing the fishy part of the French upbringing? (5)
- 15 Bestows part of the swag I've sent (5)
- 16 Put a French sex symbol in boxes? An idea for vegetables (8)
- 18 One word for many (6)
- 19 Oppose the second-class ingredient in the dance (5)
- 20 Most depressed to see the direction of the sunset? (6)
- 21 The senior has a kind of smooth appearance (6)
- 25 Or went up in rising drunkenness, and subdued (4)



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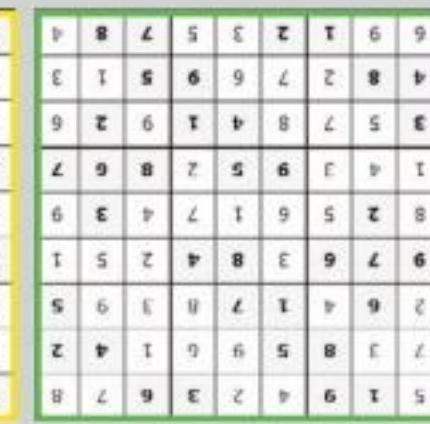
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This week's solutions



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Saturday February 18th

DAYTIME

BBC1



Who Dares Wins,
5.25pm

BBC2



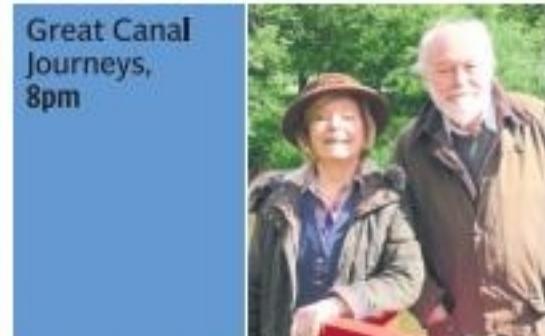
Testament of
Youth,
9pm

ITV



Through the
Keyhole,
9.20pm

Channel 4



Great Canal
Journeys,
8pm

Channel 5

Football on 5:

The Champi-
onship,
9pm



6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.35 Access 10.40 Police Interceptors (R) 12.35 Benefits: 26 Kids and Claiming (S)(R) 1.35 Benefits: The Millionaire Shoplifter (S)(R) 2.35 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 4.30 5 News (S) 4.35 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 5.30 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.30 FIA Formula E Live: Buenos Aires (S)

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6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Live Athletics: Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix (S) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.10 BBC News (S) 5.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.25 Who Dares Wins (S) 6.10 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R) 6.55 Let It Shine (S)

7.55 Casualty Iain tries to make amends for his past. (S)

7.00

The Lake District: A Wild Year A year in the life of England's largest national park. (S)(R)

7.00

Ninja Warrior UK The final round arrives. Last in the series. (S)

7.00

The Restoration Man A chance to catch up with busy, Devon-based renovators Neil Worrell and Jackie Robinson. (S)

8.10

Secrets of the Great Train Robbery Careless errors made by the thieves who famously raided a Royal Mail train on August 8, 1963. (S)

8.45 Let It Shine – The Results The bands progressing through to the final are revealed. (S)

8.00

Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands New series. Paul Murton visits Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pabbay. (S)
8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

8.00

The Voice UK The blind audition phase concludes. (S)

8.00

Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales make a two-stage journey across Scotland. (S)(R)

9.00

Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

9

9.15 Taboo James Delaney loses everything, and as the Crown and the East India Company conspire against him, a devastating betrayal places even his freedom in jeopardy. (S)

9.00

FILM Testament of Youth (2014) (12) Premiere. Period drama, starring Alicia Vikander and Kit Harington. (S)

9.20

Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon hosts the game show. (S)

9.00

FILM Taken 2 (2012) (12) Former CIA agent Bryan Mills fights to rescue his ex-wife from an Albanian gangster whose son he killed. Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. (S)

10.00

Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 NCIS Ducky is forced to reveal he has been helping to solve crimes in his spare time. (S)

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10.15 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights Action from the fifth round of matches. (S)

11.05

FILM Safe Haven (2013) (12) Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel. (S)

10.20

ITV News; Weather (S)
10.35 FILM Knocked Up (2007) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd. (S)

10.50

FILM The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12) Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz. (S)

11.00

Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
11.25 NCIS: Los Angeles Deeks shoots and kills an unarmed man. (S)(R)
12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 4.00 On Benefits: To Heat or to Eat? That's the Question (S)(R) 4.50 House Doctor (S) (R) 5.15 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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11.40 This Country Kerry's neighbour becomes a tattoo artist, and Kurtan tries to find a long-lost friend. (S)

12.55

FILM The White Ribbon (2009) (15) Mystery, starring Christian Friedel. 3.10 This Is BBC Two (S)

12.50

Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

1.20

Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.15 Hollyoaks (S) 4.15 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) 4.25 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) 5.25 Fifteen to One (S)(R)

AFTER

12.05 FILM Having You (2013) (PG) Drama, starring Anna Friel. (S) 1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.45 BBC News (S)

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DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale 8.25 Coronation Street 11.20 Ninja Warrior UK 12.20 Take Me Out 1.35 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.10 FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) Urban dance drama, starring Jessica Alba. 3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) Concluded. 4.05 FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett. 5.05 FYI Daily 5.10 FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) Concluded. 6.05 FILM: After Earth (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Will and Jaden Smith. 7.05 FYI Daily 7.10 FILM: After Earth (2013) (12) Concluded. 8.00 Scorpion 9.00 FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg. 10.05 FYI Daily 10.10 FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) Concluded. 11.25 Family Guy 12.50 American Dad! 1.50 Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked 2.35 Planet's Funniest Animals 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote 8.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer 11.05 FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. 1.05 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) 2.05 FYI Daily 2.10 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) Concluded. 2.55 FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Comedy, with Jim Dale. 3.55 FYI Daily 4.00 FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG) Concluded. 4.55 Wycliffe 6.00 Midsomer Murders 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Law & Order: UK 12.00 Wycliffe 1.05 Marchlands 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Indian Hill Railways 8.00 Ford's Dagenham Dream 9.00 Treasures of Ancient Egypt 10.00 Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World 11.30 Top of the Pops: 1983 12.05 Rock 'n' Roll America 3.05 Sounds of the 70s 2: Soul – Keep on Keeping on 3.35 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.20 Melissa & Joey 7.05 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Young & Hungry 9.00 Baby Daddy 10.00 Melissa & Joey 11.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 12.00 The Goldbergs 3.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 FILM: Knight and Day (2010) (12) Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. 10.10 Gogglebox 2016 11.50 Gogglebox: Celebrity Special For Stand Up To Cancer 1.00 Celebs Go Dating 3.00 Marvel's Agents

of SHIELD 3.45 Rude(ish) Tube 4.25 Baby Daddy 5.10 Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me 11.35 Homes by the Sea 12.35 Location, Location, Location 1.40 Coast vs Country 2.45 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 7.55 The Real Noah's Ark 9.00 Bin Laden: Shoot to Kill 10.40 24 Hours in A&E 11.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.50 Bin Laden: Shoot to Kill 2.35 24 Hours in A&E 3.30 Food Unwrapped 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) (PG) 1.00 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG) 2.45 Scrooged (1988) (PG) Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray. 4.50 Moonrise Kingdom (2012) (12) Comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. 6.40 Tootsie (1982) (15) Comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman. 9.00 St Vincent (2014) (12) Premiere, Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray. 11.05 Zombieland (2009) (15) Comedy horror, starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg. 12.50 Stripes (1981) (15) 3.20 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Storage Hunters 10.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 12.00 The Best of Top Gear 2.00 QI XL 4.00 Top Gear 5.00 The Best of Top Gear 7.00 Not Going Out 9.00 FILM: Passenger 57 (1992) (15) Action thriller, with Wesley Snipes. 10.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 12.40 Not Going Out 2.00 Suits 2.50 Live at the Electric 3.20 Not Going Out 4.00 Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Tenko 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 Tenko 5.00 One Foot in the Grave 10.20 Last of the Summer Wine 12.20 The Vicar of Dibley 1.40 Only Fools and Horses 9.00 The Black Adder 9.40 Blackadder II 11.00 Bottom 12.20 Bottom 2001: A*** Oddity Live 2.10 Bill Hicks: Relentless 3.20 Nighty Night 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 7.00 Monkey Business 8.00 The Big Spell 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 Football Gold 11.40 Spanish Football Gold 11.55 Live La Liga Football. Sporting Gijon v Atletico Madrid (kick-off 12.00pm). 2.00 Super League Gold 2.30 Great Sporting Moments 2.45 Live PRO12 Rugby Union. Ulster v Glasgow Warriors (kick-off 3.00pm). 5.00 Live PRO12 Rugby Union. Ospreys v Munster (kick-off 5.15pm). 7.15 Great Sporting Moments 7.30 Live World Club Series Rugby League. Warrington Wolves v Brisbane Broncos (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.30 Super League Gold 12.00 World Club Series Rugby League Highlights 12.15 Sporting Triumphs 12.45 World Club Series Rugby League Highlights 1.00 Live One-Day International Cricket.

Shatner. 11.15 A League of Their Own 12.15 Football's Funniest Moments 1.15 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 2.15 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 3.10 Police Force: Australia 5.10 Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The West Wing 11.00 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive 12.30 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive : Behind the Scenes 1.30 Flying Monsters With David Attenborough 3.00 Without a Trace 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 11.55 Beware The Slenderman 2.10 The Wire 3.2

Sunday February 19th

BBC1

Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup, 1.40pm



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7.00 **Countryfile** Ellie Harrison helps with the annual clean-up at Cheddar Gorge. (S)

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8.00 **Call the Midwife** Fred and Violet take care of a relative with Down's Syndrome. (S)

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10.00 **BBC News** (S)
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11.10 **American High School** (S)
11.55 **The Celebrity Apprentice USA** The celebrities must write, produce and direct a silent video. (S)

AFTER
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1.20 **Weather for the Week Ahead** (S)
1.25 **BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Dragons' Den, 8pm



9.00 **Countryfile Winter Special** (S)(R)
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S)
11.30 **Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day** (S)(R) 12.00 **Nigellissima** (S)(R) 12.30 **A Cook Abroad: Rick Stein's Australia** (S)(R) 1.30 **Omar Sharif: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) 2.00 **FILM Funny Lady** (1975) (PG) (S) 4.15 **Birds of Paradise: The Ultimate Quest** (S)(R) 5.15 **Ski Sunday** (S) 6.00 **FILM Oz the Great and Powerful** (2013) (PG)

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ITV

The Good Karma Hospital, 9pm



9.30 **Countryside: Guide to Britain** (S)(R) 10.00 **Peston on Sunday** (S) 10.55 **Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) 11.25 **Chopping Block** (S)(R) 12.30 **ITV News; Weather** (S) 12.45 **FILM Carry On Jack** (1963) (PG) (S) 2.25 **All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) 3.10 **Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) 4.15 **The Voice UK** (S)(R) 5.30 **Tipping Point** (S)(R) 6.30 **ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) 6.40 **ITV News** (S)

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The Jump, 7.30pm



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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Alpines are such hot stuff

By James Richings

THEY have written songs for Sub Focus and toured with Emeli Sandé and Florence and The Machine but Bob Matthews and Catherine Pockson will finally get their share of the limelight when they play in Oxford next week.

Better known as the duo Alpines, the pair will visit The Cellar at Frewin Court for the first time in three years on Tuesday, February 21, following the release of their second album *Another River*.

And even though they have toured the world and worked with some of the biggest names in British music, Bob and Catherine insist 'they haven't had their big break yet' as they embark on another UK tour.

"We signed to a major label very early in our career, but that is by no means a guarantee or a measure of success," Catherine told the *Guardian*.

"We left that label as it didn't work out for us."

"Now we have the right setup for what we want to do."

"We still have a lot more people to reach."

Bob added: "Everyone we have worked with has been incredible and it is always so eye opening and a great learning curve to go into the studio

with other artists."

Following their formation in 2010, Bob and Catherine have gained many fans worldwide, with their music used in a number of films, TV shows and advertisements. Most notably, their tracks *Cocoon* and *Fossilised* were used in two episodes of *CSI* in 2011 and 2012.

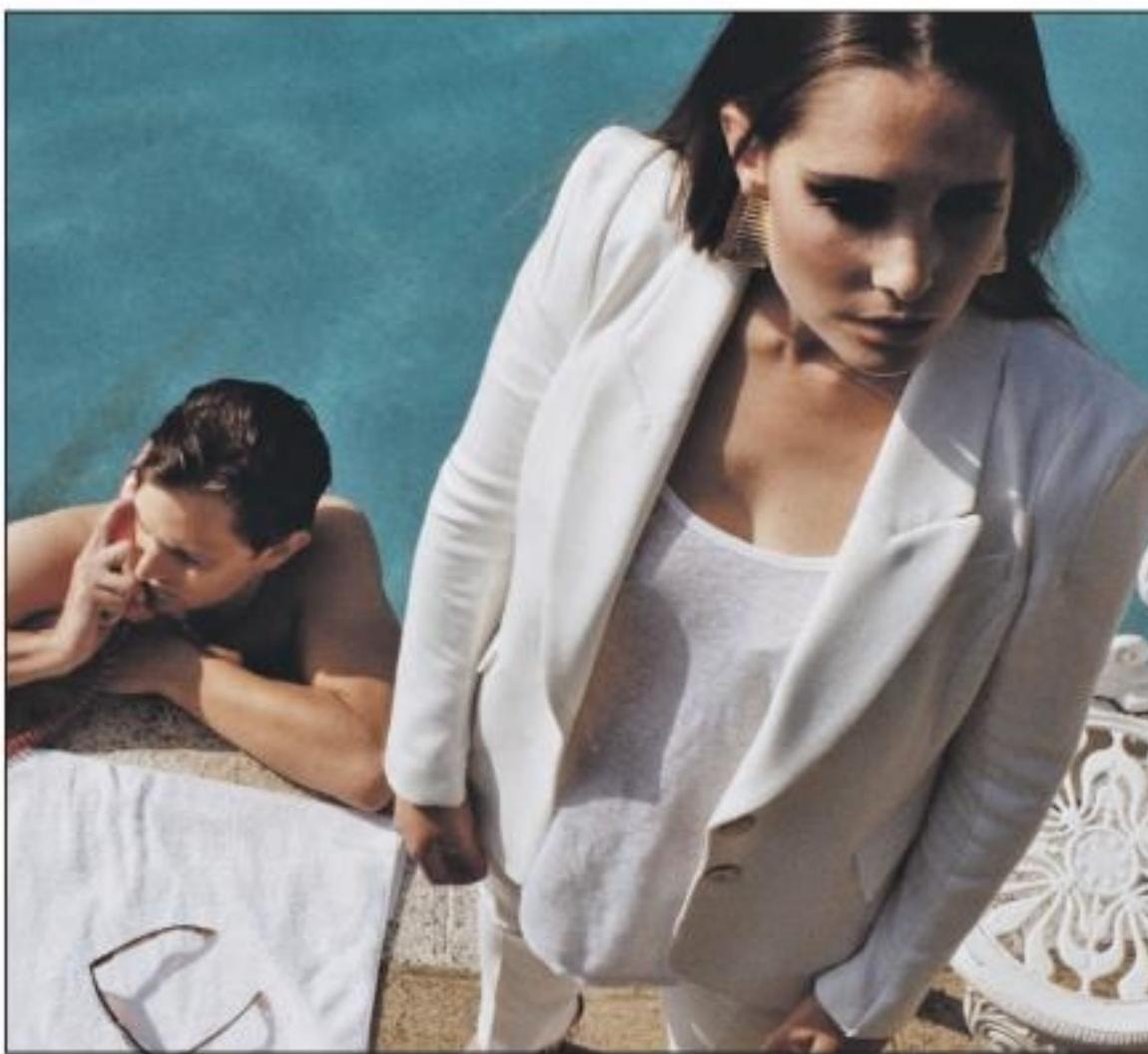
So you'd think that performing all over the globe or even having thousands of fans would be Bob and Catherine's career highlight to date but they quote signing to a new record label last year, which helped release their latest album, as their highlight.

"Signing to Metropolis Records last year after a couple of years of very hard work writing and recording '*Another River*' has to be a highlight for us," Bob said.

"It has enabled us to do things we have always dreamed of, including a live performance of songs from the album at Metropolis studios, which included Catherine playing on Freddie Mercury's piano which was a real honour."

"But probably one of the best experiences was recording and performing with The Maccabees on their song '*Unknown*' which is on their album '*Given To The Wild*'."

Catherine added: "It's great when



• Bob Matthews and Catherine Pockson (Picture: www.facebook.com/alpinesmusic)

your songs are used in film and television, partly because it's one of the few ways we can make income these days.

"However you have to remember, it's just one or two people's opinions

that gets you that spot.

"Other fans are just as important."

The gig starts at 7pm and tickets cost £7. It's suitable for anyone over the age of 16.

Frog love story

DANCE: A ballet adaptation of the Disney animated film, *The Princess and the Frog*, will take place at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Sunday, February 19.

Prince Naveen has been turned into a frog after being cursed and can only break the spell by kissing the love of his life Tiana, in this production by *Let's All Dance*.

Tickets cost £8 and it starts at 2pm.

London's Burning

SCIENCE: Science Oxford will arrive at The Chipping Norton Theatre as part of their London's Burning show.

A group of scientists will explain to the Spring Street audience the events of September 2, 1666 - the four-day long Great Fire of London.

It will take place tomorrow night, Friday, February 17, starting at 7pm.

Tickets cost £11.

All Night Long

DANCE: Brendan Cole will be returning to the New Theatre on Sunday, February 26.

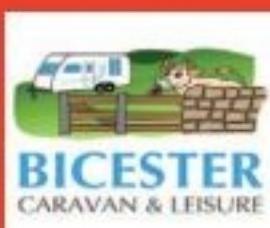
The New Zealander returns to the George Street venue as part of his, *All Night Long UK Tour*.

Tickets cost from £30.90 to £46.60 and it starts at 7.30pm.

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Watch out for Flying Machines

By James Richings

FOUR musicians will be flying into Oxford next week with their easy listening jazz with a rock twist.

The Flying Machines – Alex Munk on guitar, pianist Matt Robinson, Conor Chaplin on bass, and drummer Dave Hamblett – will be stopping off at The Mad Hatter on Tuesday, February 21.

And Alex thinks the Iffley Road venue will remember their visit thanks to their unusual sound.

"There is a lot of drama, changes of texture and pace in our music," he said.

"There are loud, visceral sections – I'm not a huge fan of the word 'fusion' but that's what a lot of people would describe it as – and then we also have much quieter, lyrical and plaintive material."

"I truly believe there's something in our set for all kinds of music lovers as our influences range from artists such as Tigran Hamasyan, Pat Metheny, Wayne Krantz, Troyka and Phronesis.

"I also really like songwriters such as James Taylor, John Mayer, Sting and Joni Mitchell."

"So I think a little bit of that direct, singable melodic quality finds its way in there, especially in the more ballad-like tunes."

The band was formed by Alex three



* The Flying Machines (from left) Matt Robinson, Alex Munk, Conor Chaplin and Dave Hamblett (Picture by Steve Pringle)

years ago and they are on a 23-date tour across the country, following the release of their self-titled debut album at the end of last year.

Since 2014, the four friends from London have gained a small fan base with their tunes having that raw and authentic sound, which has made them different from many bands.

Alex knows he and his friends have chosen a very difficult career in which to make a living but the guitarist is

certain that Flying Machines are destined for great things, as long as they keep gigging and improving.

"It can be very tough to make that breakthrough in music because of how many incredible young musicians that are out there who you're in direct competition with," he said.

"I think in many cases it's more about plugging away and being consistent rather than hoping for one single breakthrough."

"If you can just keep on going and giving it all the energy you can possibly muster, opportunities do present themselves."

"Those opportunities gradually start to scale up with each push."

"You just have to work hard and keep putting stuff out there that you really believe in and if you keep going, it will inevitably snowball."

Tickets cost £4 and the gig will start at 8.30pm.

A tribute to Noel

LIVE MUSIC: A Noel Gallagher tribute band will be gigging at the O2 Academy tomorrow night, Friday, February 17.

Nearly Noel Gallagher's High Flyin' Birdz, will pay homage to the Mancunian musician.

Doors open at 6.30pm and tickets cost £11.25.

Catch film royalty

FILM: The popular 1958 film, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, will be screened at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot, on Wednesday, February 22.

Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman star as Margaret Pollitt/Maggie the Cat (Taylor) and Brick Pollitt (Newman), whose relationship hits a turbulent period.

The film starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5.

Every cloud...

THEATRE: A play about friendship and unity, Silver Lining, will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday, February 21 to Saturday, February 25.

As five elderly women in a retirement home trade stories of their lives, a storm appears which starts to flood their home.

Tickets cost from £11.50 to £28.

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Mon, Feb 20 – Sat, Feb 25
New Theatre, Oxford

WONDERLAND

TV and West End star Wendi

Peters, much loved for her acclaimed portrayal of Cilla Battersby-Brown in 'Coronation Street' will headline the UK tour of 'Wonderland' as Queen of Hearts alongside musical theatre favourites Dave Willetts, who has previously starred in tours of 'South Pacific', '42nd Street' and 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' as White Rabbit.

Tue, Feb 21 – Sat, Feb 25
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

THE NIGHTINGALE AND ROSE

"If you want a red rose," said the tree, "you must build it out of music by moonlight, and stain it with your own heart's blood." What is love and what should we sacrifice for it? When a young student falls head-over-heels, the only way to win his heart's desire is to give her the reddest rose in the world. All seems lost until a nightingale hears the student's lament; to what ends will the little bird go to help love succeed?

Oscar Wilde's short story is adapted by students Bea Udale-Smith and Georgia Henreage. It combines the emotional intensity of Wilde's language with ensemble physical theatre.

Tue, Feb 21 – Sat, Feb 25
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

KRAPP'S LAST TAPE

Krapp sits alone with himself – in fact, he's surrounded by many of his past selves. Spools of tape spill out onto the table, each containing a recording he's made. Each containing a glimpse into his past. But as the words of the past and the present blur together, we begin to wonder if words can ever be a substitute for experience...

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Tue, Feb 21 – Sat, Feb 22

Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

SILVER LINING

On one dark and stormy night in the Silver Retirement Home, five elderly ladies are trading stories of their remarkable lives. With the flood waters rising, the ladies are faced with the realisation that help isn't coming. With no rescue in sight, they are going to have to sort

it themselves – luckily, that's exactly what they've been doing their entire lives!

Tue, Feb 21 – Sat, Feb 25

Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

EMBERS

Henry sits in an unknown location, surrounded by the ever-present sound of the sea. As voices begin to fade in and out, we wonder: is the woman who speaks to Henry really present? Or is this just another person that Henry imagines to drown out the roar of the waves?

ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

'I turned down a Beatle'

IF Sir Paul McCartney praises your music, you know you must be doing well.

That was just the endorsement Farnborough-based musician Big Boy Bloater, who will be gigging at Fat Lil's in Witney on Thursday next week, had.

He comes to the Corn Street venue to perform tunes from his latest studio album 'Luxury Hobo', as well as other tracks off his previous records.

Known for his work as a solo artist as well as fronting his own band The Limits, Triple B insists that the sky is the limit for him, as he continues to grow a reputation for producing high quality music.

When talking about his experience with Sir Paul, Bloater said: "A few years back I played a gig at the Empire, Leicester Square that he (Sir Paul) was involved with.

"He saw the band and he must have really liked us because a few weeks later I got a phone call from his management asking if we'd be interested in recording an album with him at Abbey Road.

"I was absolutely thrilled to be asked – who wouldn't want to record at Abbey Road with an ex-Beatle eh? – but in the end it never came off as the recording dates clashed with an American tour that we had booked."

Coy on what his real name was, the musician revealed that the nickname 'Bloater' was given to him as a child for an unknown reason and has stuck ever since.

He has used this to his advantage though as Triple B is currently

embarking on a huge UK tour which will see him play at clubs, theatres and festivals throughout 2017.

And with Triple B being known for his lively and energetic shows, he insists that there will be a different side to him on Thursday.

"It's going to be a much more intimate show than I normally do with my band The Limits," he said.

"I'll be talking about how some of my songs came about, some stories from the road and I think I may even showcase a couple of brand new songs.

"I absolutely love playing live.

"When you've had a terrible week there's nothing better than getting on stage and sharing a few songs."

Tickets cost from £13.20 and it starts at 7.45pm.

• **Big Boy Bloater**



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THEATRE: A very extravagant birthday party will take place at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Saturday, February 25.

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So when a French cyclist, a man dressed as a giant chicken and a mysterious stranger

who has apparently never had a birthday attend the party, he doesn't know what to do.

The Party will last for 45 minutes and starts at 1pm. Tickets cost £8.50.

All on the spot

COMEDY: An improv night will take place at the Old Fire Station on Tuesday, February 21.

The Oxford Improvisers will arrive at the George Street venue to play a number of

spontaneous tunes.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £9.

Travel to La La Land

FILM: Find out why La La Land is being nominated for so many awards when it is screened at the Chipping Norton Theatre from Tuesday, February 21 to Friday, March 3.

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The changing face of men's wedding attire

As we welcome in the New Year, many freshly engaged couples post-Christmas, will start to make the first tentative steps to planning their wedding. One aspect of this will be the wedding suits. 2017 looks like it will carry forward some of the trends starting to emerge in 2016. I am expecting to see the following trends to increase in popularity:

* The return of the bow tie. We started to see the rise in popularity of the bow tie in

2016, and this trend is set to continue into 2017. The bow tie offers a contemporary edgy look, when paired with a nice lounge suit, and works particularly well with the ever popular tweed wedding look.

* Braces – the return in popularity of the bow tie, has also been mirrored in the rise in demand for braces. When paired together, the groom is able to achieve the ever popular country, vintage look that is proving so popular at the minute.

* Tweed – 2015 and 2016 saw a sharp rise in demand for tweed suits. As barn weddings grew in popularity so too did the

country tweed look. We have seen a large increase in the demand for lighter weight tweeds, suitable for wearing for summer weddings, as well as plain herringbone tweeds, for grooms looking to wear tweed, but not wanting to look like they have just stepped off the shooting ground.

* Slim fit Blue Lounge Suits – 2016 saw a surge in demand for brighter blue lounge suits. This look is likely to prove popular in 2017 also. We expect to see more wedding parties opt for a two piece lounge suit with a contrasting waistcoat rather than a matching three piece suit.

* Brown Or Black Shoes – As sartorial rules on brown shoes seem to be relaxing, 2017 is no doubt going to see the continued rise in demand for brown wedding shoes. Both brown brogues and boots will continue

to grow in popularity, as more people opt away from formal wedding attire adopting the more relaxed look of lounge suits and tweed suits.

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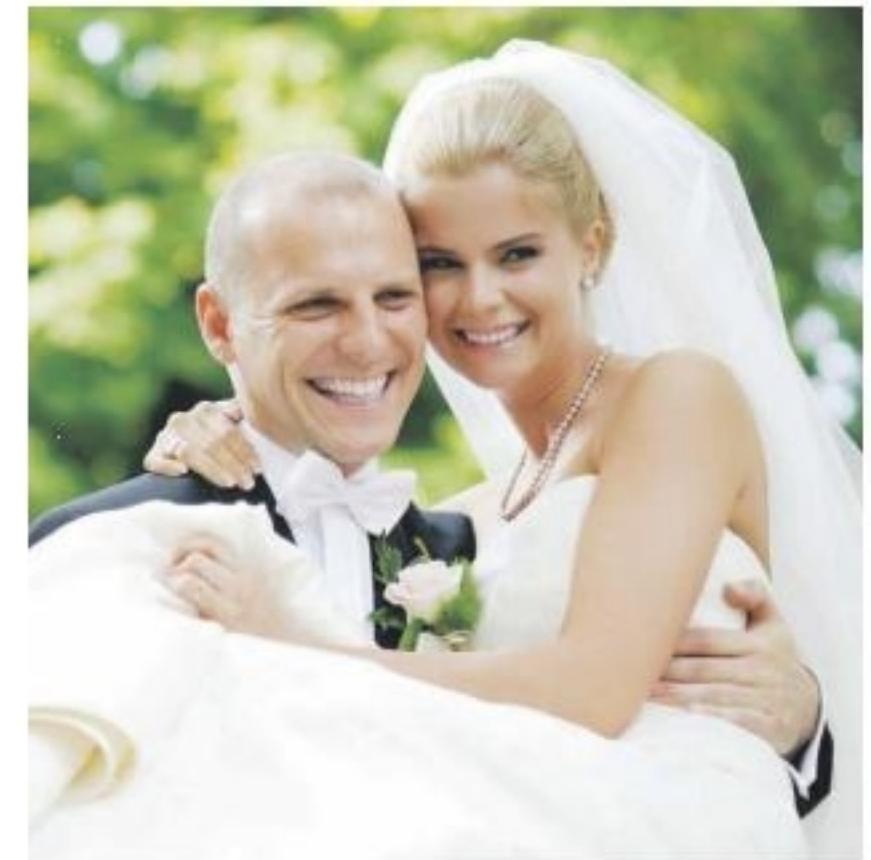
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By Tony Yates

THE S-Cross first went on sale in October 2013 as Suzuki's first 'C' segment crossover model. Now, just over three years later, this major face lifted model has been introduced with a more distinctive and upright front end styling, along with a stronger and bolder road presence, slightly higher ground clearance and newly designed headlamps which all help provide a much sharper look. Also at the rear, newly designed LED rear combination lamps are used to provide a cleaner and more contemporary style.

Power and efficiency

The 1.4-litre 140PS Direct Injection turbocharged (DITC) petrol engine is actually very compact and offers 220Nm of torque. Max speed comes in at around 124mph and it will do 0-62mph in 10.2 seconds. I also managed a combined fuel consumption of 48.2mpg.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP system is available on SZ-T and SZ5 models, which gives you four driver-selectable modes for safe, enjoyable driving on variety of surfaces. You could also argue that



four-wheel drive impacts on fuel efficiency – but Suzuki tells me that the ALLGRIP system enables CO2 emissions to be remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV.

On the road

I happen to like the way the S-Cross feels on the road. The steering is a

little on the light side and it lacks in feel, but I am being very picky here as most people won't really notice this when using it day to day. Also, the Suzuki happily gets a move on when the need arises and on the motorway it was reasonably quiet at high speed.

The Suzuki ALL-GRIP system incorporates feed forward control that anticipates slippage based on road surface,

throttle position, steering angle and other factors. So rather than reacting after grip is lost – it controls the vehicle to prevent grip being lost which results in greater stability.

Design and tech

Some of the standard features fitted to the SZ-5 model I had on test included;

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To Sum Up

The S-Cross is a decent car that does exactly what you need it to do. Also, when you need it to move your family and their belongings around – it can easily become the load slugger you need it to be with very little effort. Plus, all Suzuki models are covered by a three-year/60,000-mile new vehicle warranty, one year AA Suzuki Assistance, providing 24-hour UK and European roadside assistance, recovery and associated services.

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Established by Paul Brayley in 2003, this family owned business started with a single Honda franchise in St Albans and has since expanded to eight locations across Hertfordshire, North London, Essex, Buckinghamshire and now Oxfordshire for the first time. The company now represents six manufacturer brands, also including Honda, Mazda, Renault and Dacia, employing almost 200 staff. In 2013, Brayleys entered the national car dealer awards and beat hundreds of dealerships to the title of "UK New Dealership of the Year," for its Harpenden based Mazda franchise, which opened in 2012.



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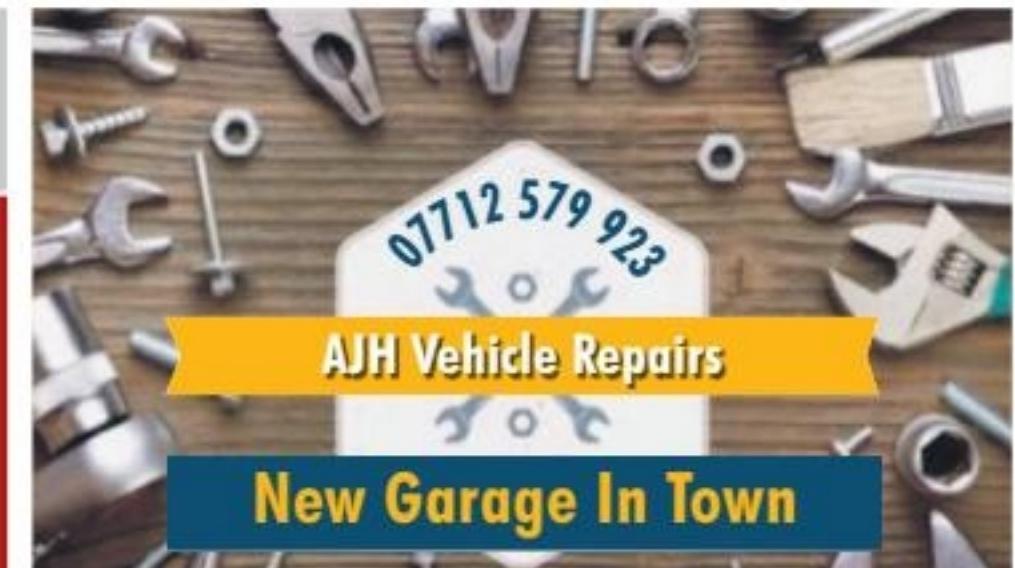
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Blues raring to go

OXFORD RL are preparing to take on Coventry Bears in the season opener as the new campaign kicks off with cup action on Saturday.

The League 1 Cup fixture brings pre-season preparations to a close for League 1 teams and both squads will have a number of debutants on show.

Blues coach Tim Rumford and Bears boss Tom Tsang will be looking for solid performances to get their seasons up and running.

The Blues' host the M40 derby as the Bears visit Tilsley Park on Saturday with a 2pm kick off.

Oxford finished three places and seven points behind their visitors on Saturday in the Kingstone Press League 1 last season.

The Blues won at this stage last season, beating Hemel Stags 34-12, only to lose 54-14 to Keighley Cougars in the second round.

Rumford's side's first league fixture is on March 5, when they host the Stags, who were the only team to finish below Oxford last year.

Oxford won one and lost one of their pre-season warm up matches.

Smith happy with progress as new challenge begins



• Bradley Smith testing for his new team, KTM (Picture from Gold and Goose)

By George Welch

OXFORD MotoGP driver Bradley Smith says he is encouraged by his start at his new team as

International Road Racing Teams Association (IRTA) tests on the Malaysian circuit of Sepang at the start of the month ahead of next month's

The 26-year-old said: "I think during these three days we did what we had to do. When I felt comfortable we went faster and we didn't rush anything."

"We worked through our programme step-by-step and we tried not to make any mistakes. That's important at this point in time because development is crucial."

"Let's say we tried 12 new things and 11 were positive and that's nice for it to happen here in Sepang."

After representing Tech3 at both Moto2 and MotoGP since 2011, Smith, alongside his Yamaha team-mate Pol Espargaro, joined new team Red Bull KTM for their debut season.

The pair wrapped up official

KTM said that, apart from a small low side crash by Espargaro, which did not result in any damage to the bike or rider, the test "went smoothly and without incident".

Smith said the early signs for the energy drink-funded team

are positive.

"I think we certainly have a clear indication. The team has worked fantastically."

"Everybody has made really good progress during these three days, on tires, suspension, electronics and chassis. I think everyone can be proud."

Team manager Mike Leitner said the riders "did a super job" and added: "We should be really happy because we know where we are and we'll keep pushing."

"Everyone was here and everyone was pushing. The other

manufacturers have a lot of experience on this track and it's one of the most difficult on the calendar."

Smith continued his extensive testing of the brand new RC16 KTM at Phillip Island Australia yesterday.

These are crucial test sessions for the Austrian team before the start of their five year campaign to win the MotoGP World Championship.

The first race takes place in Qatar on March 26.

Draw and win add to Stars' unbeaten run

OXFORD City Stars left it late to rescue a point against Solent Devils to continue their resurgent form.

The Stars, now unbeaten in four and only tasting defeat once in the last seven matches, drew 3-3 at the Devils on Sunday, having thrashed Milton Keynes Thunder 8-1 at the Oxford Ice Rink the day before.

Jaroslav Cesky hat-trick and a Joshua Oliver double helped Oxford on their way to their joint highest win of

the season.

The dynamic duo both netted twice within 35 minutes and Jess Lye added another to give Simon Anderson's improving side a 5-0 lead going into the final period.

Tom Mboya pulled one back for MK but Joshua Florey, Michael Willock and Cesky's third completed the rout.

And on Sunday, it took an Alan Green strike seven minutes from time to earn a share of the spoils in a ding-dong battle at the Gosport Ice Arena.

Joe Edwards and Dominic Hopkins also scored for the Stars, who had to battle back from 3-1 down.

The final five minutes saw both teams create chances and it took a superb stick save from Annetts to preserve the hard earned point for the Stars.

Oxford, who have five matches remaining and are in mid-table, travel to MK on Sunday where they will be aiming to repeat Saturday's performance.



• Oxford City Star Ben Lock
(Picture from @OxfordCityStars)



• Lottie James with her haul of medals

Abingdon Vale makes waves at county championships

ABINGDON Vale Swimming Club (AVSC) is celebrating a large haul of gold medals following an impressive county championship swim this month.

Between them, AVSC's swimmers carried home eight gold, 10 silver and eight bronze medals, and finished fifth at the ONB County Championships overall.

An impressive 18 swimmers achieved finalist status while most swimmers achieved personal best times, and many gained regional qualification.

Stand out swimmer Lottie James delivered winning swims across all four strokes in distances from 50-400m. The 13-year-old finished her 2017 county campaign with six golds, two silver and one bronze.

Amanda Ford, AVSC head coach, said: "Once again, the AVSC team had great success at the county championship, with the whole team performing to the highest level."

Other swimmers to catch the eye included 11-year-old Bethan Lillistone who, competing in her first county championships, achieved an impressive six top eight places.

Meanwhile, 13-year-old Seb Rawes achieved two gold, two silver and one bronze medals.

In the extremely competitive open category, 16-year-old Lauren James qualified for five finals, and first time county competitors Joseph Bradshaw and Scott Yap bagged top eight placings and regional qualifications.

Late leveller as City get second draw in a week

By Adam Flinn

A LATE equaliser prevented Oxford City from securing all three points in their rearranged fixture against Bath on Tuesday night.

Reece Fleet's tap-in had given the hosts the lead, but they had to settle for a draw as Andy Watkins squeezed the ball home in stoppage time.

It comes after City also had to share the spoils in their match away to Wealdstone on Saturday, which also ended 1-1.

Tuesday's rearranged game came after the original date fell foul of the weather, which duly came in injury time and saw a quiet start with no notable opportunities for either side in the first quarter of an hour.

City's first chance came as Fleet were gifted a free effort from eight yards out, which only just went over the bar.

Bath came close to taking the lead in the 29th minute as a short corner routine led to a low ball at the near post, which was scrambled away by the City defence.

There weren't many more chances in the first half, but coming out after the break 1-0 to the hosts at the break.

Bath forced two excellent saves out of Craig Hill.

City finally broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute as Scott Davies' free kick was weakly punched away by Bath keeper Max O'Leary, the ball landing directly at Fleet's feet for an easy tap-in.

They nearly doubled their advantage in fortuitous circumstances as Wilson Carvalho's low strike kicked up off the uneven turf, and was just about knocked behind by O'Leary.

Bath pushed for the equaliser in the closing stages, which duly came in injury time as Watkins fired home from a tight angle following a corner to earn his side a point.

It was a different story in Saturday's match, as Wealdstone were in front inside the first five minutes as debutant Joshua Walker fired confidently past Hill.

Davies almost equalised moments later as his free kick was narrowly headed over.

It sparked a run of pressure from City, and while both sides had their chances in the remainder of the half it stayed 1-0 to the hosts at the break.



• Kaiman Anderson celebrates his goal on his debut against Wealdstone (Picture by Michael Allen)

However the leveller came the rest of the game, and it soon afterwards as Kaiman Anderson finished from close range for a well-earned goal in his first game for the Blues.

Again both sides had chances to take the lead in

the rest of the game, and it

League South standings after

Tuesday's fixtures with 33

points, nine clear of White-

hawk in the relegation zone.

headaches, but they held on

Their next match is at home

to Hemel Hempstead Town

this Saturday.

Wade show Banbury no love with last-minute winning goal

THERE was late heartbreak for Banbury United as they conceded a 92nd minute winner to lose 2-1 at Biggleswade Town on Saturday.

United midfielder Jack Self scored his second goal in two games on 41 minutes to cancel out a 32nd minute Gavin Hoyte strike, but, just as it looked as if the points would be shared, Town midfielder Robbie Parker snuck a winner for the hosts two minutes into stoppage time.

Banbury remain in sixth spot and in play-off contention despite their latest defeat, meaning they have lost three of their last four matches.

Biggleswade always looked the more likely to make the breakthrough in the early stages and they

duly did so just after the half hour. A corner from the Waders led to an almighty scramble in the box and Hoyte eventually got the final touch to knock the ball home.

Banbury had been second best for the first half hour but they responded positively to going behind and were back on level terms before half time.

A Marvin Martin free kick was only cleared out as far as Self, whose 15-yard effort hit the back of the net after taking a deflection off a defender.

But Banbury were dealt a sucker punch when a cross from the right found Parker to head the ball home from six yards to earn Biggleswade all three points.



• Banbury players celebrate Jack Self's equaliser (Picture by E.A. Barson Photography)

Millers continue play-off charge

A GOAL in each half saw North Leigh secure a massive three points against play-off rivals Winchester City.

The Millers enhanced their play-off hopes and doused their opponents' chances in a closely fought contest on a heavy Eynsham Park pitch.

Winchester, who had won their previous three matches, were undone by a first half own goal and a second half header from top scorer George Seacole.

Leigh, who recently lost Brad-

ley Gray to third-placed Evesham United, made the breakthrough against the run of play on 27 minutes after good work by Roger James.

His low cross was missed by keeper Lewis Noice but hit the unfortunate right back Olly Searle and trickled over the line for an own goal.

The Millers doubled their lead with a simple but well executed goal on 52 minutes when Michael Hopkins clipped a right foot cross over two central defenders to the

far post where Seacole nodded the ball past Noice.

The Millers, undefeated in eight games since December 20, have won their last three matches and travel to 17th placed Barnstaple Town on Saturday.

Wantage Town finally won their first home game of the season with a 2-1 win over Barnstaple Town at Alfredian Park.

The Freds secured their first win in Wantage at the 16th time of asking thanks to goals from Mark Francis and Jack Powell.

Dwindling Diddy beaten by Taunton

A DEPLETED Didcot Town suffered a heavy 3-0 defeat at play-off hopefuls Taunton Town on Saturday.

The Railwaymen travelled to the inform Peacocks missing their number one goalkeeper, new striker, two ill players and their manager while still searching for their first win of 2017.

Taunton dominated most of the first half and were rewarded on the half-hour mark when Owen Irish nodded home to open the scoring.

Didcot weren't without their chances in the first half though, most notably when a Taunton clearance on the edge of the penalty area struck an advancing Callum McNish, whose rebound forced a scrambled save from Peacocks stopper, Lloyd Irish.

Diddy were always fighting an uphill battle due to the absence of Leigh Bedwell and George Jeacock, both of whom were missing through suspension, while Nick Thorne and Louis Joyce were struck with illness and manager Andy Ballard was suffering from concussion.

The second half began with Taunton still in dominant mood. However, Didcot, who are winless on the road since November, had more spells of dominance and grew with confidence but were still unable to properly test the Taunton goalkeeper.

Taunton sealed the three points with a double blow through two headers within five minutes of each other.

Striker Matt Wright headed in both goals to put the Somerset side out of reach, with his first on 64 minutes and his second on 69 minutes.

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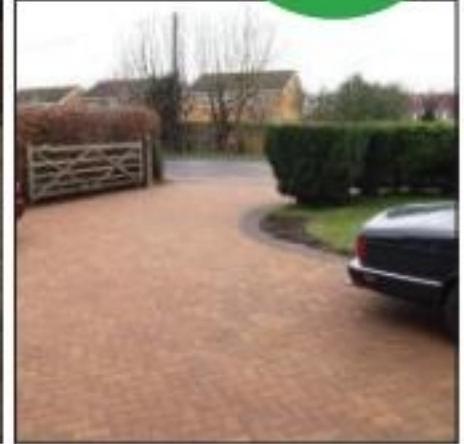
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Promotion chasers Southend halt U's five-game winning run



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3	Bolton	30	19	57
4	Fleetwood	32	14	55
5	Bradford	32	11	51
6	Millwall	31	7	50
7	Southend	31	8	49
8	Peterborough	31	6	47
9	Rochdale	30	4	47
10	Bristol Rovers	32	-2	45
11	Oxford United	30	4	43
12	Walsall	32	-4	43
13	Charlton	30	7	41
14	MK Dons	31	1	39
15	Wimbledon	30	1	39
16	Northampton	32	-4	39
17	Gillingham	31	-9	35
18	Shrewsbury	32	-12	35
19	Oldham	32	-12	34
20	Port Vale	30	-16	33
21	Bury	32	-12	31
22	Swindon Town	32	-18	29
23	Chesterfield	31	-20	27
24	Coventry	31	-22	22

• Simon Eastwood's athletic dive can't stop the second goal from Theo Robinson (Pictures by Steve Daniels)

By George Welch

IN-FORM Oxford United had their impressive five-game winning streak halted by play-off hunting Southend on Tuesday night.

Having won eight of their pre-

vious nine matches – including a late win over MK Dons on Saturday – a win against Southend would have elevated the U's into play-off contention themselves.

But two second half goals from Marc Antoine Fortune and Theo Robinson gave the visit-

ing Shrimpers a valuable three points on the road to condemn

United to just their second home defeat since October.

Both sides produced decent football in what was a very tight game and, following such an impressive run fighting on three fronts and the prospect of the

FA Cup fifth round on Saturday, United left it late on Saturday to snatch a last gasp winner against MK Dons, who visited

Oxford for the first time in their history.

In another tense and evenly matched contest, Kane Hemmings nodded in a Rob Hall cross two minutes from time to earn the three points and to leapfrog their visitors.

United's best chance of the night came on 26 minutes when Chey Dunkley thundered a corner against the right-hand post after he eluded Southend's defenders from a set-piece.

But Southend, who posed a continual threat on the counter, are a bogey team for the U's and they duly took the lead on 62 minutes.

Southend right back Jason Demetriou was given too much space as he surged forward to pick out a perfect cross for Fortune who headed home from 10 yards.

Earlier on, as is so often the case, the U's needed a big save from goalkeeper Simon Eastwood.

It was a simple enough finish but it spurred United into

On this occasion, the stopper, who has just signed a new



Late strike falls short for United's Women as they are beaten by Everton in league opener

A LAST minute Ini Umotong goal was not enough for Oxford United Women, who opened their league campaign with a 2-1 defeat at home to Everton Ladies.

United were beaten twice by Everton last season and fared little better in the new management team's first league game in charge in the Spring Series on Sunday.

New boss Karl Milgate saw his side, which is mostly unchanged

from last year, lose their season opener 2-0 at Coventry in the FA Cup the previous week.

And they fell behind again early on against Everton when the visitors took the lead in the 13th minute.

Simone Magill waltzed into the United area unopposed and, although Riva Casley got down well to block her initial effort, the Everton striker reacted quickest to poke in the rebound. But otherwise, the U's shackled their

guests without creating much themselves.

Yet there was little United could do to keep out a more fired up Everton side after the break when Kelly Jones hammered hope the visitor's second three minutes into the second half.

The margin could have been greater if the visitors had been able to finish their chances, with Emily Hollinshead, Michelle Hennigan and Milgate all guilty of missing chances.

Oxford had offered little going forward but isolated striker Umotong showed why she was WSL 2 player of the year last season with two minutes left to play.

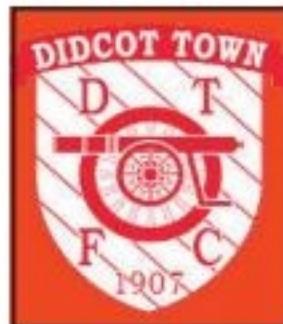
Last season's league top scorer seized on a hopeful ball forward, outpaced two Everton defenders and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom corner.

But the goal came too late for the Yellow to stage a comeback and they opened their season with a narrow defeat.



• Oxford United Women have lost both their matches so far this season (Picture from @OfficialOUWF)

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• Rob Hall is brought down by Darren Potter for a late penalty



• Chris Maguire out jumps former Yellow George Baldock in the game against MK Dons on Saturday



• Phil Edwards prepares to cross

contract at the club, kept out the Dons' best chance when the 27-year-old denied Chuks Aneke on three minutes.

The former Blackburn Rovers keeper dived to his left to somehow keep out a powerful low drive from the ex-Arsenal youngster.

After a forgettable first half, the second resumed with little rhythm. But United turned up the heat on a freezing afternoon when a Hall cross found Hemmings in the box, who is developing a knack for being in the right place at the right time, whose flicked header was placed to perfection to give United the lead.

There was still time for MK mid-fielder Potter to trip Hall in the penalty area with a tired tackle to collect his second yellow card on 95 minutes.

But David Martin made a double save to keep out Maguire from 12-yards, whose two penalty misses this year are the first two he has missed in his career.

The U's now face four consecutive away matches, starting with Premier League Middlesbrough in the FA Cup on Saturday.

Back in the league, United take on Charlton and Chesterfield before playing Luton in the Checkatrade Trophy.



• Chris Maguire is felled on the edge of the penalty area by Ed Upson

New deal for U's number 1



• Simon Eastwood in action stopping a shot (Picture by Steve Daniels)

OXFORD United's shot-stopper Simon Eastwood has signed a new longer-term deal with the club after impressing since joining the club last summer.

Arguably the signing of the season for the U's, Eastwood has been in great form all season, establishing himself as number one and becoming a firm favourite with the fans.

The 27-year-old signed the new two-year deal on Monday to keep him at the Kassam until the end of the 2018/19 season.

He told the club website: "I'm really happy to have got it all

sorted and be committing my future to the club.

"It has gone very well so far and I am enjoying my football.

"I have a young family so you are always looking for a bit of security for the future but it was all very straightforward because I feel as though this is a club on the up at the moment and I want to be a part of that over the next few years."

United head coach Michael Appleton, who has signed the keeper three times in his career, said: "Obviously I rate Eas.

"He needed a run of games as

first choice and has taken that opportunity and got better and better as the season has gone on.

"He is still fairly young in terms of goalkeepers and I am sure there is still more to come from him.

"It is great that we will see that in an Oxford shirt."

Eastwood joined United last summer from Blackburn Rovers, agreeing an initial one-year contract with a clause that would trigger an extra 12 months if he started 30 games in the league.

He reached that milestone against Southend on Tuesday.

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